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CONFLICTING REPORTS.

IMPORTANT EVENTS ON YANGTSE.

NORTHERNERS TAKE ANKING.

NATIONALISTS EVACUATE CHINKIANG CONCESSION.

Important developments in China's civil war along the lower course of the Yangtse River have taken place but the reports are highly conflicting. Despatches to hand concern the struggle between the Northern Allies and General Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist forces but there is no mention of fighting between Chiang Kai-shek's Moderates and the Hankow Extremists.

ANKING CAPTURED.

Yangtse Crossed by Rival Armies

Messages received by the local Naval authorities read, in effect, as follows:—

Shanghai, May 6. The Northern Army is reported to have captured Anking. General Chiang Kai-shek is reported to have captured Yangchow. There is no change in the local situation.

Cleaning the Concession. Chinkiang, May 6. In anticipation of the advance and occupation of Chinkiang by Marshal Sun Chun-fang, the Nationalist troops have evacuated the Chinkiang Concession and 20,000 of them are concentrating at Golden Island and to the westward as far as a point opposite Shih-er-hwei.

Hankow, May 6. There is no change in the situation here or at Nanking, Wuhu or Kiukiang, where all is quiet.

"COMICAL OPERATIONS."

Dealing first with General Chiang Kai-shek's troops, it will be seen that the only sitting description is that of "comical operations," given by Mr. C. Ashmead-Bartlett, C.B.E., the London war correspondent.

For several weeks, Sun Chun-fang's Northerners had held Yangchow, on the north bank of the Yangtse estuary. On the opposite side (the south bank), Chiang Kai-shek's men were concentrated at Chinkiang. The messages reproduced above say that Chiang Kai-shek has captured Yangchow, which his troops must have re-crossed the Yangtse to do; and, on the other hand, his forces are moving away from Chinkiang because the Northerners are expected to cross over and occupy Chinkiang!

An Illustration. To complicate matters further, there has been talk of a possible truce between Chiang Kai-shek and Sun Chun-fang.

The reference to the capture, by Northerners, of Anking, the capital of Anhui province, leads to greater mystery. For an illustration, it has to be supposed that England and Scotland are at war and that the border is the lowest course of the Yangtse. The Southerners advance in the centre and take Hawick. On their left, they permit the Northerners to get through and capture Barrow!

Mysterious March. Anking is about 200 miles further up the Yangtse than Nanking and at least 150 miles south-west as the crow flies. At no point along their line have the Northerners (under General Chang Tsung-chang and allies of Sun Chun-fang) penetrated any conceivable distance and their flank has been in danger for some time. True, Anking is on the north bank of the Yangtse. But if the Northerners have stolen a 150 miles' march on the Southerners, there would have been trouble at Wuhu which is reported to be "quiet."

ECONOMIC POLICY.

A Desire for Foreign Co-operation.

Geneva, May 6. At the Economic Conference the Chinese delegate, Mr. Chao, in a lengthy statement, complained of the tariff restrictions under which China was suffering. He claimed on behalf of China freedom to decide her own economic policy. He declared that the political and economic instability of China was mainly due to the delay in the abolition of the present restrictions. He said that China needed capital to develop her unlimited natural resources and the only solution of the unemployment in China appeared to be the complete industrialisation of China through foreign co-operation.—Reuter

LOCAL SEQUEL.

Anti-Communist Coup in Canton.

There has been a sequel in Hong Kong to the coup delivered by the Canton Government against the Communists.

Raids have been made on houses all over the province of Kwangtung by the authorities, and it is one such visit that has led to a case in Mr. R. E. Lindsell's Court this morning when a Chinese was charged with kidnapping his nephew.

In applying for a remand, the Police stated that on Thursday night, the nephew's house in Shekhi (capital of the Heungshan district, adjoining Macao) was raided by soldiers who took the inmates to the district magistrate. Being only a boy, the "nephew" was told to go home. This he did, but his cousin visited him and brought him to Hong Kong, leading up to the charge against the boy's uncle.

His worship asked if it was known whether the accused instigated the raid on his nephew's house.

On the Police replying that they had no information, His Worship remarked that the raid must have been on the man's instructions.

AT KONGMOON.

Foreigners Returning: the Anti-Red Coup.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Pakkai, Kongmoon, May 5. In spite of Consular orders to withdraw, foreigners are gradually returning to this port. The Presbyterian Girls' School has re-opened and the boys' school will be opened again after the summer vacation.

H.I.M.'s "Uji" has arrived here, being the first Japanese gunboat to show the flag at this port. There are only two Japanese residents here, both in the service of the Chinese Maritime Customs.

The local authorities, who are loyal to General Chiang Kai-shek and to General Li Chai-sum (commander-in-chief at Canton) made a raid on Hoichow where they disbanded the Peasants' Corps, which is suspected of "Red" sympathies.

Leading Merchant in Jail. Mr. Chan Yuk-tong, chairman of the Kongmoon Chamber of Commerce, has been imprisoned on account of alleged Communist tendencies.

All heads of local revenue departments have been changed, as a sequel to the Cantonese anti-Communist coup, with the exception of the Customs. Tax Bureau. Moderates now hold the offices throughout. There are rumours about an impending change at the Sanwui district magistracy.

EARLIER NEWS.

Southerners Reverse on Hao River.

Hankow, May 5. The Southerners are reported to have suffered a reverse on Hao River in the North West of Hupeh.

It is reported that the Northerners have withdrawn to fortified lines along the Lo River bank at Yencheng. A Southern attack in the area is expected.—British Naval Wireless

Troops Return. Wuhu, May 6. Troops of the 17th division are reported to have returned to British Naval Wireless

MEXICAN REBELS.

FATAL ENCOUNTER WITH FEDERAL TROOPS.

TWO HUNDRED KILLED.

Mexico City, May 6. It is reported from Guadalajara that 200 rebels were killed in an encounter with Federal troops.—Reuter's American Service.

MINING DISASTER.

SERIOUS EXPLOSION IN JAPANESE MINE.

Tokyo, May 5. Seven miners have been killed and three injured, whilst 25 are reported to be entombed in the Iriyama coal mine in the Fukushima prefecture as the result of an explosion.—Reuter.

Fire Hose Battle.

A British Naval Wireless message says that by the use of fire hoses and other peaceful methods at Wuhu an attempt to rush a British steamer at high water was prevented.—British Naval Wireless.

The Bombardment.

Nanking, May 5. Pukow is reported to have been quiet yesterday. No guns were fired.

Lion Hill fired two rounds, and a gun at Hsiachiangkou fired a few rounds at a small craft in Taohenkup.—British Naval Wireless.

Soviet Lies.

London, May 6. A plea for the speedy publication of the documents seized in the Peking Embassy compound raid is made by the "Times" which points out that any long delay in their publication will encourage the champions of the Soviet to accuse the Peking Government of forgery or tampering with captured correspondence, though to those who maintain their critical faculty the circum-

OUR \$50 PRIZE.

Reminder to Cross-Word Puzzle Competitors.

The first cross-word puzzle of the "China Mail's" new series appears to-day for the last time, and competitors are reminded that their entries must reach the "China Mail" Office, No. 5 Wyndham Street, not later than noon on Monday next. The second puzzle of the new series will be published on Monday.

stances under which the documents were seized are likely to be regarded as a guarantee of their authenticity. "The Chinese are said to have many admirable con-jurers but even they cannot produce hundredweights of documents from their sleeves."—Reuter.

Sheer Cant!

Moscow, May 6. M. Litvinoff interviewed regarding the Soviet documents allegedly seized in the Peking raid, declared that the lists published by the Ankouchun showed that most of the materials seized were the usual informatory reports to be found in the office of every military attaché in any Legation in Peking.

He declared, however, that this in nowise proved the authenticity of all kinds of instructions which it is attempting to exhibit among materials seized, whereof it is emphasised the only document hitherto published, which was given to the "North China Standard," bore all the signs of forgery including old spelling and a mass of gross mistakes.

He concluded by asserting the existence of a broad plan of compromise by forgeries regarding the activity of Soviet agents in China in an attempt to make worse the relations of the Soviet and other Powers, particularly Japan.—Reuter.

Nanking Sequel.

Peking, May 6. It is believed that the next development regarding the Nanking outrages must occur among the chancelleries, not in Peking, but doubts are growing as to whether anything further will be done, in which case, as a well-known foreign official declared this morning, the only question will be when and where the next anti-foreign outrages will occur.—Reuter

CANTON TO-DAY.

Political and Trade Prospects.

PROTECTION FOR FOREIGNERS.

[By "Li Chung-yin."] While the world's interest in the Nationalist movement has steadily increased as Nationalist influence has grown in China, it is a curious fact Canton, the city which saw the birth of the movement, has been gradually fading out of the news.

This the more strange because Canton also gave its name to the movement. Just as one talks of "Peking" to-day as meaning the Northern (or so-called Central) Government, so does one talk of "Canton" as meaning the Southern or Kuomintang Party in general. Even war correspondents on the spot are more prone to describe the Nationalists as the Cantonese than anything else. This in spite of the fact that the Southern Armies to-day have at least two men from provinces other than Kwangtung, including General Chiang Kai-shek himself.

Except for Good Friday's drive against the Chinese Communists, Canton has hardly figured in the news at all as compared with the storm centres along the Yangtse River in Central China.

Exodus to the North.

Admittedly, Canton does not occupy to-day the place it did in Kuomintang affairs. Nearly all the accepted leaders—military, political and radical—have gradually moved northwards.

That Canton still has its value, though, is evident from the attention paid to it by the rival camps of the Nationalists.

This diverting activities elsewhere has been beneficial for the people of Canton in general. Whereas trade along the Yangtse, is practically at a standstill, the best-informed quarters all speak of signs of a slight revival in Canton.

River shipping is now moving

normally between Canton and Hong Kong. Smaller craft from up-country ports to Canton are carrying on hopefully, if not pleasantly. Merchandise is finding its way into old channels.

Prosperity Now Due.

The consensus of opinion in Canton to-day is that an actual improvement in trade has begun and that there will be more confidence by the time of the Dragon Boat Festival in June. Autumn ought to see a real progress, paving the way to prosperous settlement when China's New Year comes round again.

As most people know, the danger of an Extremist uprising is the fly in the ointment. Were it not for the undercurrent of uneasiness as to the outcome of the loyalists' efforts to eradicate the opposition, trade orders from Canton would have been flowing quite freely by now.

However, there are solid foundations for good business. The possibilities of bad harvests or floods are not viewed now with such dread as before because the merchants have steeled themselves to adverse events since the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen's attack on the merchants' volunteers a few years ago.

Letting Well Alone.

Their views sought as to immediate prospects, some leading native exporters confessed to fears of disorders should the present authorities in Canton quarrel among themselves, thereby giving the Communists an opportunity to break into the city. The merchants agree, however, that the danger is remote.

Experience of Chinese politics in the past leads one to form an opinion that General Chiang Kai-shek's triumph or defeat will not have the bearing on Canton that some expect. No matter which side gains the ascendancy, it will find that its purposes are best served by letting well alone. Great as the temptation is to put idealist theories into practice, the governing body will find that the goodwill of the Canton merchants is indispensable.

Canton Too Valuable.

Even if the Moderates were to lose the day in disputes (such as the North River), Canton itself is unlikely to be attacked. For years factions have occupied out-

FLOOD SEQUEL.

CROP RESTORATION WORK.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE.

Vicksburg, May 6. At a conference of Red Cross and State officials, at which Mr. H. C. Hoover, Secretary for Commerce, was present, \$500,000 was earmarked for crop restoration work.

It is announced that the State Commission and the Red Cross jointly estimate the amount of seed required to resow crops in the flooded area to be for 4,200 square miles in the State of Mississippi.—Reuter's American Service.

Record Number Assisted.

Memphis, May 6. The Tennessee Red Cross is assisting 323,837 persons in the flood area—the largest number ever assisted by the Red Cross in America.—Reuter's American Service.

STOP PRESS.

WANHSIEN EPIC.

Decorations For British Heroes.

London, May 6. The "London Gazette" announces that His Majesty the King has approved of the award of decorations and medals to officers and men of the Royal Navy and Mercantile Marine in recognition of their services at Wanhsien on September 5, 1926, including:—

The Distinguished Service Cross for Lieutenant Jack Peterson, of the "Klawo," Captain Alexander Thomson, of the steamer "Wanhsien."

O.B.E. for Captain Albert Williamson, of the "Klawo," Captain Stuart Bates, of the steamer "Wanhsien," Lieutenant Commander William Lalor, of the steamer "Wanhsien," and Chief Engineer Kingswood, of the "Klawo."—Reuter.

districts without diminishing the prosperity of Kwangtung's metropolis.

For its capacity to produce revenue alone, the most violent revolutionist will prefer to hold Canton rather than to destroy it. The Moderates have not begun too well after their clean sweep of the Canton political field at East-er. One tax has met with an unfavourable reception. But that levy may only have been an emergency measure.

If Chiang Kai-shek Loses. Provided the public is not asked to bear too heavy a burden—direct or indirect—to support the Kuomintang, Canton will recover quickly from the last three years' troubles. In that statement is the essence of all the factors governing Canton's future—foreign trade on the one hand, and political, military and domestic struggles on the other.

General Chiang Kai-shek's supporters being in power at Canton, the Hankow clique is precluded from making a retreat on Kwangtung. Should the Moderates' commander-in-chief be routed either on the field or in the sphere of propaganda and intrigue, he still has the option of falling back on Canton. In that case, the Cantonese will be little worse off than they were in 1926 when the Nationalists embarked on their expedition of conquest.

Confidence Justified. At present, General Li Chai-sum shows abundant evidence of being more of a Conservative even than a Moderate. He is on Chiang Kai-shek's side. He will support Chiang Kai-shek both by attacking his enemies in Kwangtung and giving financial and material aid to the cause elsewhere. Further than that, Canton is unlikely to be embroiled in any immediate upheaval.

In spite of Consular orders to leave, foreign evacuees have been trickling back to their respective posts in and around Canton. The exodus anyway has ended. Foreign observers show their confidence by returning and their confidence is somewhat justified by the Canton Government's kin-dest attempts to accord protection. Practically any non-Chinese venture into any part of Canton at almost any hour, without fear of molestation.

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Hong Kong, 5th May, 1927.



NOTICES.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that This Office, having temporarily suspended business from 18th April by order from our Head Quarter, will RESUME its banking business as usual from the 9th May, 1927.
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THE THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 7th May, 1927, commencing at 2.30 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 2 p.m. The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1 for all persons including Ladies.

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The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2. Each member can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, Badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.
Hong Kong, 2nd May, 1927.

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NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above named Company will be held at the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. No. 18, Pedder Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, on the 10th day of May next at 12 o'clock Noon for considering and, if thought fit, passing the sub-joined Resolution as an Ordinary Resolution.

That this meeting authorises the Directors to pay to the Executor of the late Sir Catchick Paul Chater, C.M.G., the "Managing Director's fees in suspense" shown in the Company's last Balance Sheet, which represent the proportion, calculated up to the date of his death, of the remuneration to which the deceased would have been entitled, if he had survived to the end of the year, under Article No. 95 (B) of the Articles of Association.

By Order of the Board of Directors
L. S. GREENHILL,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 2nd May, 1927.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on TUESDAY, the 17th May, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1926.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 17th May, 1927, both days inclusive.

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Hong Kong, 26th April, 1927.

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"The Coming of the World Teacher" was the subject on which Mr. H. E. Langer gave an address at Thursday's weekly public meeting of the Hong Kong Lodge, the Theosophical Society. An extract of his remarks follows:—

Coming events cast their shadows before, for events in the physical world are but the reflections of events that take place spiritually in the higher worlds.

There seems to be a widespread expectation in the world to-day that some great spiritual teacher is likely soon to appear amongst men, an expectation which is manifesting itself to-day in almost all parts of the world.

Three Great Reasons, Leaving all intuition alone, which leads men to know of coming events by the mysterious "inner sight," we find that even from the standpoint of reason and thought alone we can fully justify this belief in the coming of the world teacher, the Christ in our present time.

There are three great reasons in support of it.

(I) The needs of the world; (II) certain changes which are taking place in the world and indicate the opening of a new world period, of a new cycle in evolution; (III) the widespread expectations, and the reasons underlying them.

We must take it for granted, as is generally accepted amongst religious and thoughtful people, that there exists an occult government of the world, consisting of beings higher than man, who guide the destinies of nations from the higher planes, shaping the evolution alike of peoples and races.

Deadlock Reached.

In some of the ancient religions we find clear statements as to this that the occult hierarchy sends out from time to time, according to the world's need, one of the greatest amongst them; the teacher, the founder of all the religions of the world, who is always coming for the helping of struggling humanity in critical periods of its evolution, at the opening of each new era, to usher in a new world period, a new ideal.

In fact, we see to-day that in all the great departments of human life a deadlock has been reached. We cannot go much further along the lines which up to our times have brought about such splendid, such magnificent results in (1) religion and philosophy, (2) science and (3) the manifold activities of human life, as economics, the relation of man to man, and nation to nation.

In religion the changes are most marked. In western thought and religion it takes the form of the new mysticism, the substitution of the voice of the inner ruler for the outer form or command.

Mystical Idea Spreading.

Everywhere over Christendom the mystical idea is spreading, the idea that man can come into direct touch with God, can know the spiritual nature, and recognize the truth of his inherent divinity, and the truths which religion proclaims.

It is the inner opening of consciousness, the substitution of inner knowledge for outer dogma. In the eastern faiths we see a similar out-reaching of the very best minds into mysticism, by the desire to realise, by various forms of yoga, the power and the knowledge of the immortal self.

Everywhere there is a longing to know, a growing intuition, a preparedness to sacrifice, the lower for the higher.

Thus religion is no more able to hold its own unless it provides a new channel for the awakening of higher knowledge in man, one in harmony with science and intuition. A new era is opening which needs the proclamation of new and greater ideals by a great one.

Ruin & Barbarism.

In philosophy we see the re-emergence of the idea of the immensity of God and the brotherhood of man. This likewise needs to be formulated into the new world ideal by the teacher, as only a great one can lead suffering humanity from the abnegation to the practice of universal brotherhood, the neglect of which is threatening all with ruin and return to barbarism.

The world of science is in the same need of a new departure. It has reached its limits in the observations it can make by means of apparatus—for its new advances reach already into the realm of the invisible, which no microscope can magnify and make visible. It will have to take up the refining of the human higher senses instead of the refining of instruments of steel and glass, for direct investigation through the unfolded higher faculties of man by following the law of occult self-development.

Need for New Departure.

For further knowledge a great impulse by the guardians of the higher knowledge seems indispensable.

Only the coming of the world teacher can lead science further on.

The need for a new departure in the economical conditions of the world to-day is even more pressing than in the world of thought and spirituality.

The necessities of the economic world, the distress of the nations, call for the opening of a new era, for the shaping of a new civilisation.

In the past, civilisations have perished in chaos. May not our present civilisation perish in the same way, unless a great teacher gives a new impulse of spirituality, the magic of whose words would compel and lead by spiritual and not by material forces?

Clearly a new inspiration is needed to bring about the changes which alone can save civilisation, by putting it on a new basis as regards economics.

End of Democratic Methods. In our inter-relations we have come to the end of democratic methods and they are breaking down.

There again a new idea is needed, in order to save the nations and to prevent the retreating of civilisation brought about by the systematic disregard of the higher laws of life.

There are also certain physical signs in the world to-day, heralding the opening of a new era. We are seeing to-day the beginning of a new continent, emerging from beneath the waves of the Pacific.

New Continent.

Geographical science points out a great area of volcanoes and earthquakes, a "fiery ring" in the Pacific Ocean, indicating the coming up of a new vast continent, prophecies of which are the content of the new race can be found in the ancient scriptures of the world. And we see that the new race has already appeared in America, according to American ethnological reports. There we have a new proof of the new era coming. And, whenever a new sub-race is forming, whenever humanity stands at the cross-ways, ever a great teacher is appearing to reform, not to tear down, to build, not to destroy.

The world teacher is here, such is my personal belief, and that of many throughout the world, with me.

NO SLEEP FOR 10 YEARS.

Ten years without sleep is the record for insomnia set up by M. Budinoff, a Russian lawyer, according to a telegram from Moscow which announces his death at Vienna. It is said that M. Budinoff was severely wounded in the head in 1917 during the war and that ever since he had not had natural sleep.

Narcotics were tried in vain. They only produced a cataleptic form of sleep which lasted for half an hour at the most. Massage of the head in the latter years of the lawyer's life produced about a quarter of an hour's sleep in 15 days.

A WEEK'S PAPERS IN ONE.

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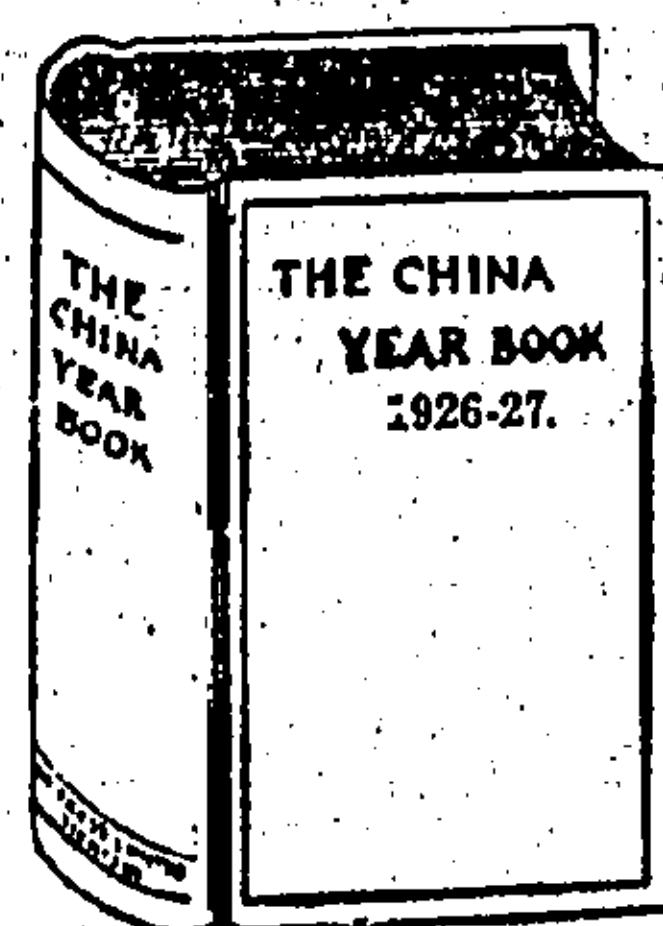
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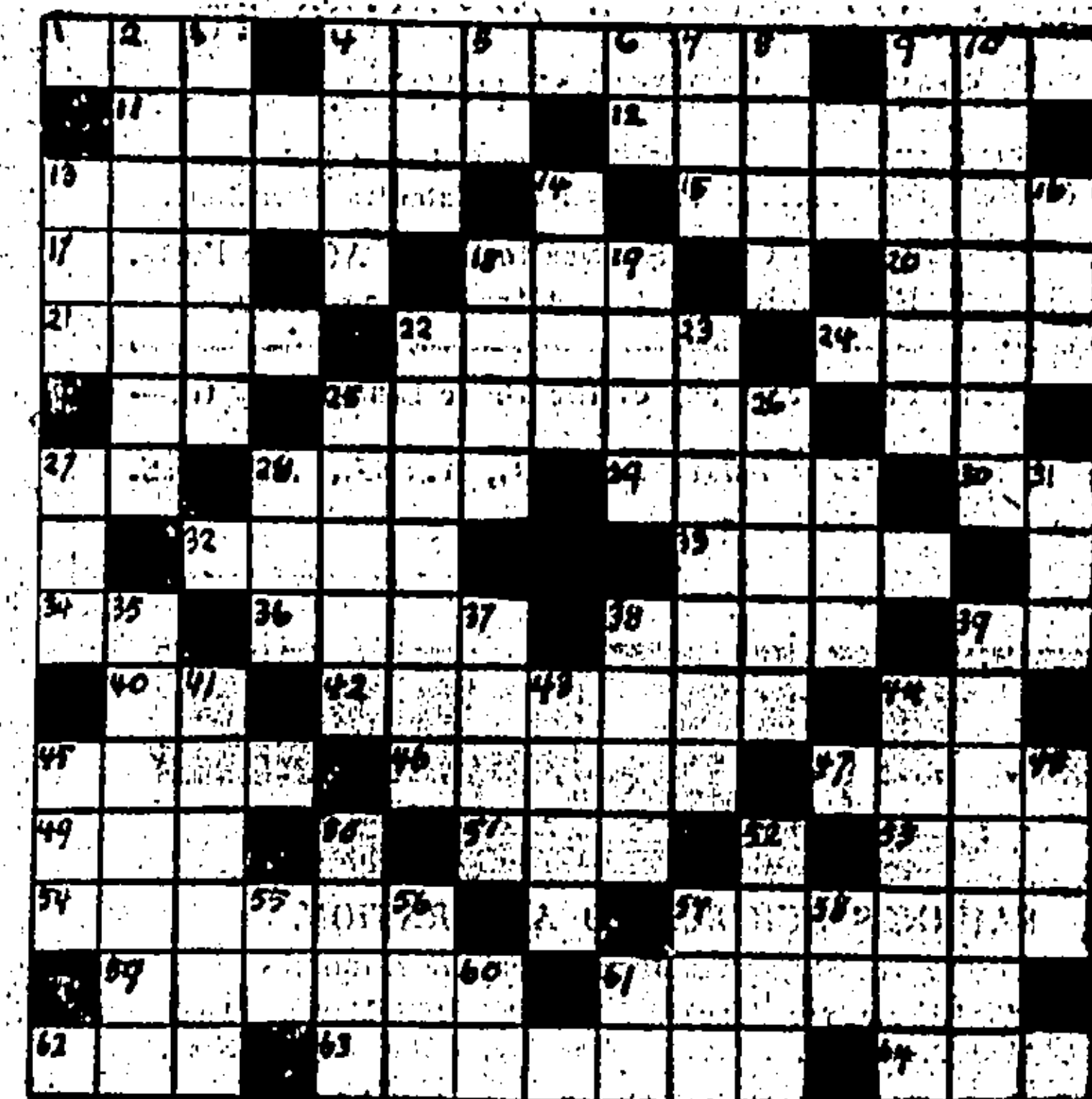
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|---|--|
| 1. A short piece of rope or line. | 2. To make useful. |
| 3. To know. | 3. Furnished With Aisles. |
| 4. A fish of the shark kind. | 4. Poison. |
| 5. An eruption of the skin. | 5. A word of denial. |
| 6. To dissipate. | 6. An exclamation. |
| 7. A large antelope of South Africa. | 7. Formed with a surface closely corded. |
| 8. Crabbed. | 8. To haul. |
| 9. Nothing. | 9. Welks or withers. |
| 10. Self. | 10. An introduction. |
| 11. A deliberative convention. | 11. Performed. |
| 12. Divisions. | 12. To wear out. |
| 13. Hastily. | 13. A spring. |
| 14. Elders. | 14. Sixteenth of a yard. |
| 15. Compares point. | 15. Unless. |
| 16. To line the top of. | 16. Sovereigns. |
| 17. Petitions. | 17. To stammer. |
| 18. Printers' measure. | 18. To jeopard. |
| 19. A grain. | 19. A large net for catching fish. |
| 20. To kindle. | 20. Denial. |
| 21. The nominative plural of the second person. | 21. C. O. M. (Actual). |
| 22. A mineral capable of being cleaved into elastic plates of extreme thinness. | 22. Not any. |
| 23. Volcano in Sicily. | 23. A large stable for horses. |
| 24. S. L. (Actual). | 24. Another time. |
| 25. Quartermaster (Abbreviated). | 25. State (French). |
| 26. One to whom a legacy is bequeathed. | 26. Procures by collusion. |
| 27. N. U. (Actual). | 27. Mean. |
| 28. (Same as 29 Horizontal). | 28. (Same as 37 vertical). |
| 29. A small roll of tobacco. | 29. A marine chetopod worm. |
| 30. Girl's name. | 30. A spring of mineral water. |
| 31. A small pack saddle. | 31. City in Cambridge. |
| 32. To knit. | 32. Bustle. |
| 33. R. O. L. (Actual). | 33. Trades. |
| 34. The awn. | 34. S. P. (Actual). |
| 35. A planetarium. | 35. An equal quantity (Medical). |
| 36. To plunder. | 36. O. T. P. (Actual). |
| 37. To reach. | 37. Sun God. |
| 38. R. Y. L. (Actual). | 38. E. P. (Actual). |
| 39. Light sword with a narrow blade (Plural). | 39. A. E. (Actual). |
| 40. Military decoration (Abb.) | |

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Interesting results of an investigation into the water movements in the English Channel are given in the Journal of the Marine Biological Association. It is necessary to know these movements because of their effect on the drift of fish food and fishes about the seas.

In July 1924 500 bottles were put in the sea, some designed for drifting on the bottom and others on the surface.

Surface bottles travelled rapidly up Channel to the North Sea and across it. Many arrived in the Skager Rack, a journey of about 700 miles, made at the rate of more than six miles a day.

Two stranded in Jutland, three went ashore north of Göteborg, Sweden, and two at the head of Christiania Fjord. One bottle covered 1,440 miles at least and had done this in 190 days at "the amazing over-all speed of some 7.6 miles a day."

GALLANT OFFICER.

Manchester Ship Canal Rescue.

Captain W. J. Haynes, master of the Clan liner "Clan Keith," has officially informed his company of a particularly gallant rescue which took place while his vessel was coming down the Manchester Ship Canal. His report is as follows:-
"I beg to report that at 4.5 p.m. on March 17, while the vessel was moored at the dolphin at Eastham, I was sitting in my cabin writing, when, on hearing an unusual shout, I stepped out on the bridge and observed a boy struggling in the water about 35 ft. away. I threw a lifebuoy which was near at hand, and this fell within a foot of the boy.

"Mr. Petherbridge, the third officer, who was on the canal bank reading the draft, without diverting himself of any clothing, immediately plunged in and brought the boy to the bank. The boy, Thomas Walsh, aged 12 years, after being treated on board, was sent home in dry clothing."

Walsh had been playing on the dolphin with two other boys when he overbalanced and fell into the water.
Mr. Petherbridge resides at Groomer Hill House, Blackheath, London, S.E., and served his apprenticeship with the Clan Line, and was later fourth officer of the "Clan McWhirter." It was only this voyage that he was promoted to be third officer of the "Clan Keith." The directors of the Clan Line have made an award to Mr. Petherbridge as a recognition of his gallantry, and steps are being taken to bring the matter to the attention of the proper authorities.

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THE MERCHANT SERVICE IDEAL.

Sir Burton Chadwick, M.P., the Deputy Master, presided at the first annual banquet of the Company of Master Mariners, held at Fishmongers' Hall, and during the evening read a message from the King, as follows:-

"The King has heard with deep interest of the dinner being held to-night to celebrate the formation of the Company of Master Mariners and cordially thanks the members of the Company for their loyal greetings. It is, in the opinion of the King, entirely fitting that the British Merchant Service, which has ever played so eminent a part in the history of these islands, should enjoy the benefit of representation by an officially constituted body, and his Majesty sends his wishes for the future prosperity of the Company." (Cheers.)

Messages were also sent by the Prince of Wales, the Prime Minister, Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, and a large number of other prominent men.

The toast of "Lloyd's" was proposed by the Duke of Montrose, and Mr. P. G. MacKinnon, chairman of Lloyd's, responded.

Viscount Incheape, proposing "The Company of Master Mariners" said the inhabitants of these sea-girt islands are, always have been, and always will be, a seafaring race.

"Our natural instinct is to take to the water and to traverse the ocean—and we do it," he said. "Speaking from an experience, I am convinced there are no men more courageous or more reliable, no men more loyal to their King and country, and to their employers than our master mariners. The company ought to have been started a hundred years ago." He recalled that at the age of eight he was taken for a voyage from Montrose to Archangel and back to Kirkcaldy in a barque of 300 tons called the "Asia." It took a week to get through the Pentland Firth.

The Chairman, in reply, said that compared with even thirty or forty years ago one was happy to think that the British Merchant Service was going to be one into which we might not only be proud to put our boys, not only a service in which he would earn a living, but a service in which, with the accord of the nation, he would come to stand on a footing with the officers of other services.

KONGMOON PIRATES.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]
Pakpai, Kongmoon, May 5.
Kongmoon and district had been clear of pirates for some weeks, following the expedition against them by Commander Chan Cheung-po of the Canton Government.
With the withdrawal of troops from this area to reinforce the anti-Red drives elsewhere in the province, outlaws have become active again and robberies are reported daily.

PASSENGER LIST.

DEPARTURE.

Passengers sailed from Hong Kong by the s.s. "Assuta Maru" for London via Singapore on May 7, were:-Rev. E. Papinot, Mrs. J. H. Russell, Miss O. M. Russell, Mrs. M. A. and Mrs. J. Machado, Mr. J. and Mrs. J. Machado, Mr. J. Schneider, Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Farla, Miss B. Kvamme, Mrs. Leung Ah-chan, Mr. G. A. Forstery, Capt. Oskar Monsen.

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FREE OF THE SEAS.

First Lord and Geneva.

Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty speaking at a meeting of women in Bath, said the Government welcomed, and always would welcome, any possibility of the limitation of armaments among the Great Powers, so long as it was a reduction all round, and not merely the reduction of our own.

"We shall go to the conference to which Mr. Coolidge has invited us at Geneva, and put forward proposals of our own, which, I think, will prove to be well worthy of consideration, and which I hope will lead to a great success in the limitation of armaments all round. My view is that we should carry on the programme of replacement and bring our fleet up to the size which is necessary, while other countries are doing the same, but we are ready to consider every proposition which may be raised at that conference by which the general expenditure on armaments all over the world may be reduced, but I will never be a party to a policy which leaves us in any anxiety as to whether we are able to maintain the freedom of the seas."

FAR EASTERN HEALTH.

The weekly health bulletin of Eastern ports for that ending April 30 shows that small-pox is prevalent in India, there having been 86 cases at Calcutta, 77 at Bombay, 36 at Rangoon and 6 at Madras.

The following small-pox cases were also notified: Bangkok 2, Saigon 1, Macao 1, Canton 6, Shanghai 1, Dairen 2 and Yokohama 1. Cholera is prevalent in Calcutta, where 121 cases were notified during the week, and in Haiphong, where there were 134 cases notified. Other cholera notifications were: Saigon 55, Bangkok 14 and Bombay 2.

Cases of plague during the week were notified as follows: Port Said 1, Bassein 1, Bombay 1, Calcutta 1 and Rangoon 3.

H.M.S. "MAGNOLIA."

[From Our Own Correspondent.]
Chefoo, April 25.
H.M.S. "Magnolia" (a sloop) arrived here this morning and is expected to be here for some time.

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	Departure	Friday	May 6	5 a.m.
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	Departure	Saturday	May 7	6 p.m.
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MANTUA	10,946	27th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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KALYAN	9,144	10th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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Although there is not a Mersey-built ship among the thirteen square-riggers which have sailed or are about to sail from Australian ports with grain cargoes for Europe, there are two which were once owned in Liverpool, the "German Gustav" and the "Lawhill," of Finland. There are certain points of similarity between them which should make their arrival in British waters a matter of interest to lovers of topsail-haul, and their port of discharge a pleasant anticipation, says the Liverpool "Journal of Commerce." "Gustav," a steel four-masted barque of 2,718 tons, was launched by Russell and Co., of Port Glasgow, on March 26, 1892, under the name of "Australia," to the order of J. and W. Goffey, of Liverpool. Her main yard was 106 feet long, the lower top gallant 75, upper 66, and her royal yards 50 feet, so that she was a very square ship indeed. On her maiden voyage she had the bad luck to be dismantled somewhere about lat. 30 S., long. 12 W. She made Rio under courses, lower topsails and fore and aft canvas. There Captain Parkes found he could get no suitable spars, so in six weeks he dismantled her and sailed her home. He made his landfall at night, and before daylight disclosed his condition he had patched up a contract with a tugboat skipper to tow him into port. Rumour hath it that she sailed on Friday on this eventful voyage, and Friday sailings had a much more uncanny significance in the days of sail than they apparently have in these times of Diesel engines. "Australia" was offered for sale in Liverpool in April, 1910, but was withdrawn at a bid of \$4,975. However the sale was only postponed, for before the month was out she passed under the German flag, and got the name she now bears, "Gustav." She was on the nitrate coast when war broke out, and wisely remained in Mejillones till it was over. She fell to France under the ship reparation scheme in 1921, but was promptly sold back to her German owners, the Vinnen Company. She sailed for the Channel on February 1 from Sydney and, with luck, she should be round the Horn now making the north towards the "Trades." The Dundee-built "Lawhill," slightly larger by 224 tons, and also a steel four-master barque, was launched in the same year, and almost exactly four months later, on August 24, from Thompson's yard, to the order of Charles Barrie, of Dundee. After experience under two London house flags she came under Liverpool ownership, when she was acquired by G. Windham and Co. for \$6,000 in 1911. But her days under the Red Ensign were drawing to a close, and three years later she was sold to A. Troberg, of Mariahem, for \$8,500. In 1919, that grand old believer in the efficacy of sail, Erikson, of Mariahem, bought her, and it will be the Finnish Ensign at her gaff when she hoists her number of the first Lloyd's station she makes on the English coast. The "Lawhill," who has never suffered change of name, sailed from Geelong for Queensland on February 8, exactly a week after the "Gustav" left Sydney. This is close enough to draw old-timers from their fireside corners to watch the veering of the weathercocks, to entice them to pier heads that they may trace, with pipstern or a trembling finger, on a moist bollard or a capstan head, the old route by the Horn. If either or both these ships, and more unlikely things have happened, should be ordered to the Mersey to discharge, the warmth of their welcome will be worthy of these two splendid relics of the British shipbuilders' art in sailing ship construction. They are not clippers, but they can sail if they get the wind and are pressed.

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The "President Grant," as already mentioned, will take the place of the "President Lincoln" in leaving Hong Kong for San Francisco on May 10.

The repairs to the "President Lincoln" will be completed in time for this ship to take the place of the "President Grant" in sailing from Hong Kong for Seattle on May 18.

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A SHIPPING WAR.

The New York "Herald-Tribune" predicts the outbreak of a international shipping war as the result of a gigantic port development enterprise sponsored by British, American, and French capital at Havre. Havre is destined to replace Cherbourg as the port of call of passenger liner as soon as its great freight and passenger piers are completed. "But," says the "Tribune," "its main purpose will be to deflect passenger traffic from Antwerp and Hamburg and other Continental ports."

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May 6 to 12, 1927.

DATE	HIGH WATER		LOWER WATER	
	Standard Times	By	Standard Times	By
Fri. 5	12 13	4.1	5 3	3.7
Sat. 6	11 43	5.6	7 49	1.3
Sun. 7	10 57	4.0	6 57	3.9
Mon. 8	10 26	5.4	6 35	1.5
Tue. 9	10 12	6.0	6 14	1.6
Wed. 10	9 48	5.0	5 45	1.7
Thurs. 11	9 23	4.7	5 13	1.4
May 12	9 00	5.4	4 48	1.7
May 13	8 30	5.3	4 19	1.3

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Macedonia" from Hong Kong arrived London on May 5, at 7 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" (Capt. L. D. Douglas, R.N.R.) is due here on Monday morning. She will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at noon on May 11.

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May 24	San Francisco	Majestic	June 25	Cbrg-Shapin July 1
June 1	Seattle	Leviathan	July 2	Cbrg-Shapin July 8
June 7	San Francisco	Olympic	July 19	Cbrg-Shapin July 15
June 15	Seattle	Geo. Washington	July 19	Pmth-Cbrg July 21
June 21	San Francisco	Homeric	July 23	Cbrg-Shapin July 29
June 29	Seattle	Leviathan	Aug. 1	Pmth-Cbrg Aug. 7
July 5	San Francisco	Majestic	Aug. 8	Cbrg-Shapin Aug. 12
July 13	Seattle	Berengaria	Aug. 10	Cbrg-Shapin Aug. 16
July 19	San Francisco	Leviathan	Aug. 20	Pmth-Cbrg Aug. 26
July 27	Seattle	Agulania	Aug. 24	Cbrg-Shapin Aug. 30

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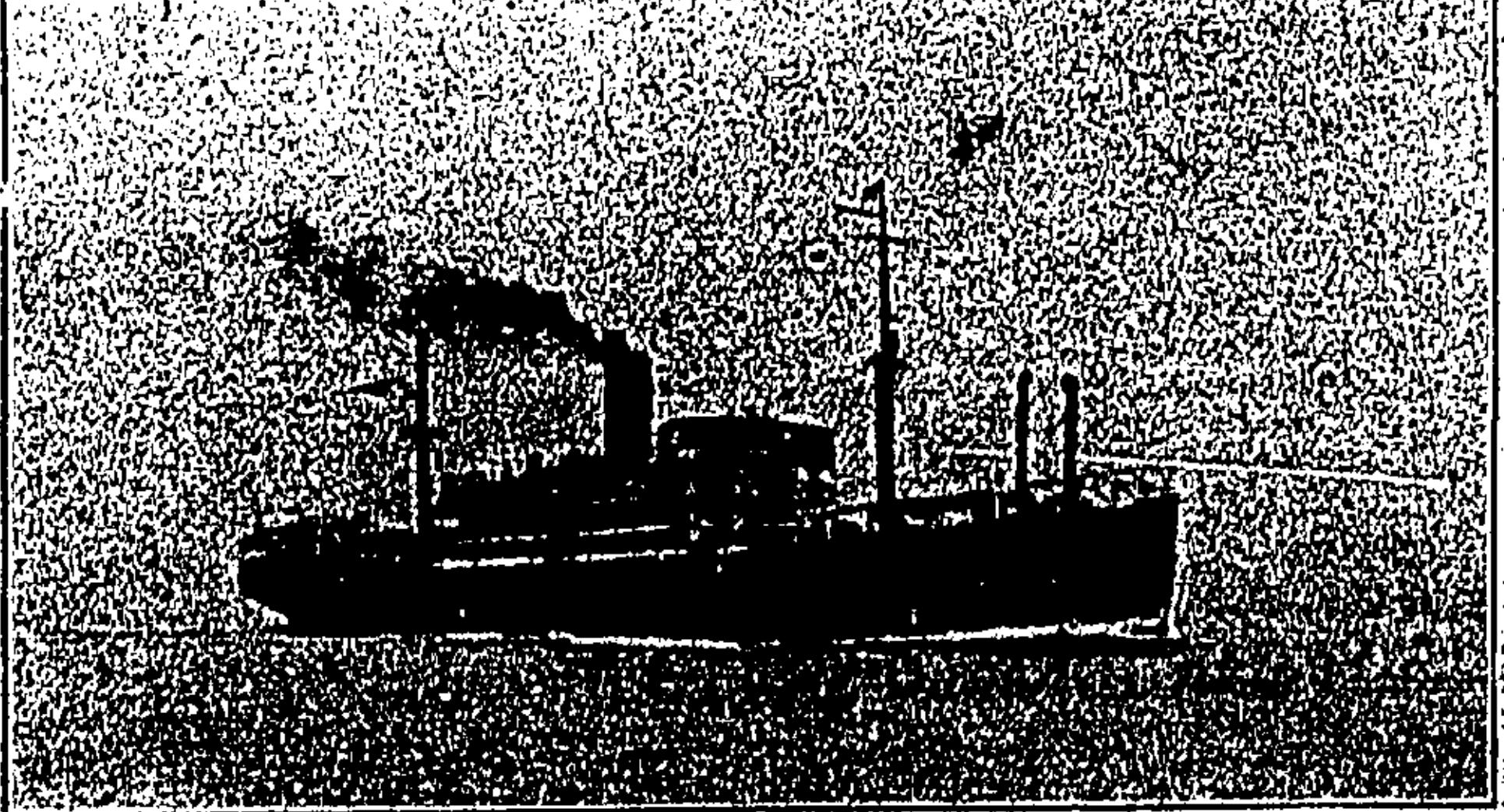
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A SATURDAY CAUSERIE.

Varying views may be held as to the wisdom of introducing Trade Union legislation at a time when industrial peace is gradually returning and when, too, the Trade Union world, still feeling sore from defeat, is quick to resent any reminder of the blunders of which it is ruefully aware. It is argued by certain sections of Labour that the Trade Unions learned their lesson in the general strike of last year and are not likely to repeat that blunder. But there can be no sound objection to putting the issue beyond doubt. There can be no sound objection to amending a law which, as it has stood in the past, has condoned the using of tyrannical methods in the name of better conditions for the workers; has invested Trade Unions with powers to boycott, to intimidate, and to libel; and has permitted these organisations, moreover, to be used by foreign enemies as a means of attacking our social order. The frivolous behaviour of Labour members in the House of Commons during the Trade Union Bill debate, and their constant interruptions of Government speakers are hardly likely to have done their cause any good in the eyes of the community and in the eyes of the great majority of workers whose only wish is for industrial peace, realising that Trade Union legislation in the past has promoted class war and the tyranny of minorities over majorities.

The Parliamentary happenings of the last few days are calculated to strengthen, rather than to weaken, the Government's hands, and if Mr. Baldwin were forced to go to the country on this issue it would undoubtedly be found that the claim made, in answer to a Labour taunt, that the Government would face the issue with confidence, is well grounded. Mr. Baldwin would have the whole of the Moderate elements in Labour itself behind him, because these elements realise that the general tendency of Trade Unionism in re-

cent years has been to drag the movement further and further away from its work of collective bargaining and from the foundations which were set in its early days of adjusting the relations between employers and employees—a system which was admirable in spirit and gave promise which has not been fulfilled of keeping industrial peace. The process of making Trade Unions Marxian "nuclei" commenced with the collection of levies from willing and unwilling members for political purposes, and continued with the forcing of unwilling men to join such unions by denying them otherwise the chance of employment—surely a curious, not to say a dangerous, state of affairs to have grown up in a community which prides itself on having free institutions. The object of the present Bill is to preserve all the just rights of Trade Unions and only abolish abuse from which quiet and inoffensive Trade Unionists have been the greatest sufferers. It is to be hoped that the suspicious and distrustful attitude of certain sections of the Labour party will be replaced with one of greater mutual confidence. It is this alone which will create the atmosphere where in a real recast of Trade Union Law, profoundly different in temper and outlook from the present, can be framed in partnership and goodwill.

Further to our recent reference to professionalism and amateurism in sport, provoked by a local debate, it is interesting to note that the Surrey County Cricket Club has removed the restriction whereby in the past amateurs and professionals have left the pavilion and ate separately. This is probably due to Mr. Gilligan's castigation of certain social clubs in India having brought the question of snobbery in sport generally to the forefront. Apart from the question of sportsmanship, which our professional cricketers so markedly display, the average professional cricketer is a man of some address, and not infrequently of intellectual attainments also. To ostracise him merely because he earns his salary, or to carry such invidious distinctions to the extent of separating the "sheep" from the "goats" at the luncheon table, and in the order of departure from the pavilion, is to inflict an indignity which few sportsmen could witness or reflect on without mentally wincing. The rescission of the restrictions by the Surrey Club will be hailed with satisfaction by all who realise that the greatest danger to amateurism in sport is the snobbish attitude of many to the professional. It is this attitude more than anything else which has led many players to resort to expedients whereby they may receive monetary or other considerations and yet retain their amateur status, a practice which is opposed to all the best interests

of sport and the ideals of amateurism.

These "expedients" are not the monopoly alone of those who accept well-paid and "safe" jobs in certain districts for which, coincidentally enough, international or nearly international footballers are peculiarly suited! Not so long ago a player who went abroad to represent his country in Davis Cup matches asked for, and received from, his national association on his return \$500, on the ground that he had lost that much through being away from business for six months! Then there are certain polo players who make considerable profits out of fairly extensive deals with other players who have seen the ponies they ride in action; and the sporting farmer who often rides horses to hounds with the one object of selling them. Whilst there may be nothing irregular in this, it seems to impugn the highest ideals of amateurism, and there are many other instances where the line between amateurism and semi-professionalism is so fine as to be almost indistinguishable. It is a provocative question as to whether professionalism has ruined sport or is tending to ruin sport, and all that can be said with any degree of certainty is that more people are playing outdoor games in these days of professionalism and more people getting pleasure from watching them than at any other time in our sporting history.

THIEVES AT WORK.

CAR TOOLS, FISH AND JEWELLERY.

Some motor tools and spare parts were stolen from a private garage at No. 5, Chatham Road, on Thursday night, by thieves who broke in and obtained access to a car belonging to Mr. H. T. White, of No. 15, Nathan Road. The loss is assessed at \$30. Lt. P. O. Roberts, R.N., reported to the Police yesterday that jewellery to the value of \$185 had been stolen from his room on board H.M.S. "Titanic". A large basket containing live fish, which had been submerged in the harbour at Shaikwan Bay to preserve the fish, has been stolen from its mooring. The fish weighed 220 catties (about 233 lb.) and was worth \$130.

STOLEN BEEF.

THEFTS FROM MILITARY TRACED.

Sentences of a month's hard labour each were passed at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday on a police foreman and a watchman for the theft of tins of compressed beef, the property of the War Department, from No. 6 Godown at Holt's wharf. Evidence was given by Staff Quarter Master Sergeant Moss that he saw the two defendants on the bridge leading from the No. 6 to the No. 2 Godown after they had emerged from the No. 6 Godown, which had been taken over by the military. It was discovered on checking the goods in the godown that six tins of beef had been stolen. The matter was reported to Mr. H. Teale, the wharfinger and the defendants were got in touch with. They denied the thefts but later each produced a tin, stating that they heard of the larcenies and knew where some of the tins were hidden.

ENGINEER COMPANY.

PRIZES PRESENTED AT DINNER.

At the annual dinner of the Engineer Company, H.K. Volunteer Defence Corps, held at Headquarters last night, prizes won in the following competitions were distributed by Col. Russell Brown, C.R.E. Musketry Competition. With-out handicap: 1st C.S.M. R. J. Everest, 2nd Cpl. A. W. W. Salter. With handicap: 1st Spr. S. C. Salter, 2nd Acting S. M. T. W. Carr. Francis Cup. Without handicap: 1st C.S.M. Everest, 2nd Major R.M. Smith, O.B.E. With handicap: 1st Cpl. D. E. Weston, 2nd Spr. F. C. Morgan. Rapid Competition. 1st Spr. J. H. Bottomley, 2nd Spr. K. S. Robertson. Company Championship. With-out handicap. Grand total: C.S.M. R. J. Everest, (170 points). With handicap: Spr. S. C. Salter, (163 points). Hidden prizes: Cpl. E. S. Carter, and Spr. C. W. E. Bishop.

PEAK CHURCH.

YESTERDAY'S ANNUAL MEETING.

A MEMORIAL WINDOW.

It was decided at the annual meeting of worshippers at the Peak Church, held in St. John's Cathedral Hall yesterday, to empower the Committee to proceed with the erection of a memorial window to the late Mr. and Mrs. Bowdler, providing the financial position was satisfactory. Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar (Trustee) presided, supported by Mr. P. J. Jacks (Trustee), the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, Sir Henry Pollock K.C. and Lady Pollock, the Rev. H. C. Copley Moyle (Hon. Secretary), Mr. D. E. G. Nicholson (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. and Mrs. W. Jackson and the Rev. Mr. Cannell. Union Church Representation. Arising out of the minutes, the Hon. Secretary stated that a letter had been written to the Secretary of the Union Church regarding nomination to the Peak Church Committee but no reply had as yet been received. Also arising out of the minutes, regarding prayer books, it was decided to purchase thirty new ones for the summer services. The report and accounts were passed, the Chairman commenting on the satisfactory balance of \$566.24.

The Committee, which was re-elected on the proposition of Mr. Jackson, consists of the Trustees, Messrs. J. W. C. Bonnar, Mr. P. J. Jacks and Mr. W. L. Pattenden; the Bishop of Victoria, the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, Sir Henry Pollock K.C., Dr. J. H. Sanders, the Rev. H. Copley Moyle (Hon. Secretary), Mr. D. E. G. Nicholson (Hon. Treasurer), Lady Pollock and Mrs. J. R. Wood.

Proposed Memorial Window.

Arising out of the consideration of the erection of a memorial window to the late Mr. and Mrs. Bowdler, the Chairman referred to the decision last year that this should be proceeded with if the financial position justified the expenditure. The window would cost something like \$200.

Sir Henry Pollock asked how the window was to be paid for and the Chairman replied that money had been left by Mrs. Bowdler to the Peak Church but it was his opinion, shared by Mr. Pattenden, that it was left more in the nature of an endowment and it was not in the Committee's place to take any of it for the erection of a window.

The Hon. Secretary recalled that Mrs. Bowdler had presented the Church with a reredos and added that he had not heard her express any wish as to how the bequest in question should be spent.

The Hon. Treasurer proposed that the matter be left over until next year when, provided there were no heavy items in connection with the upkeep of the Church, they might be in a position to erect the window without touching the bequest.

"More Grateful." The Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald said he thought it would be more grateful if it could be done without touching the legacy.

The Hon. Secretary thought that some of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bowdler's friends might wish to help in this matter and it was eventually decided that he should make enquiries and report to the Committee, the meeting empowering the Committee to carry on with the scheme providing there were sufficient funds in hand without touching the legacy or the sterling fixed deposit.

Various small matters in connection with repairs to the Church were raised by Lady Pollock and it was agreed to put them in hand, the meeting then closing.

The Report.

The following was the report for the year: There has been a celebration of the Holy Communion every Sunday and on Christmas Day and Armistice Day. During August Services were held on Sunday evenings, being taken by the Rev. A. D. Stewart. Intercession services for the sick have been held every Wednesday morning, as well as children's services.

There have been 11 Baptisms and 5 Weddings in the Church during the year. Some additions have been made to the caretaker's quarters. The collections are over one hundred dollars better than last year.

NATIONAL GALLERY.

Two new pictures are on view at the National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, both recently bequeathed by Miss Susan Field. The first is a view of Branch-hill Pond, Hampstead Heath, by John Constable, painted about 1823. The second is a work by James Holland, dated 1843, and representing the Thames below Woolwich. These two landscapes, with other recent loans and acquisitions, including the Italian and Spanish primitives given by Lord Rothermere, have been brought together in Room XXVIII.

Far too many girls want to be private secretaries—Dr. Westaway.

Christ was quite original in suffering moral censure to worry and anxiety—Dean Inge.

FOUR MONTHS.

INDIAN SENTENCED FOR FORGERY.

\$500 NOTE CASE.

Evidence as to the note having been tendered by Mrs. Brent across the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank counter and as to it having been chopped as a forgery was given yesterday in the case in which Asraff Ali, an Indian broker, was charged with uttering a forged \$500 note at No. 62 Hollywood Road. This concluded the evidence for the prosecution and Mr. Loseby for the defendant, indicated that he would not put the defendant in the box for the simple reason that, at the most, it would be his word against the word of the witnesses for the prosecution. Mr. Loseby asked his Worship to imagine the difficulty confronting his client. He might have got the note from Bux or from a source which he did not want to disclose. It was for the prosecution to prove right up to the hilt that the note was the same note and that these boys had knowledge that it was a forged one. It was insufficient to prove that the \$500 note was passed by the defendant; the prosecution had to prove that he knew at the time of passing that it was forged.

The Defence.

The only evidence against his client, said Mr. Loseby, was that he hurried away after getting the change, and that after being arrested he said he had only spent a \$50 note and not \$500. Even with these points before them Mr. Loseby said he failed to see how defendant had a case to answer.

With regard to leaving the house in a hurry, his Worship would recall that one of these lads wanted to go somewhere else. Mrs. Brent said she went away and, seeing that the boys had had their drink and paid for it, what reason was there for them to remain behind?

Mr. Lindsell: I find the charge proved, and I convict defendant. The sentence is four months' hard labour.

A Personal Matter.

Mr. Loseby: Might I just mention a personal matter. There seems to be an allegation that I have made no allegation and have not received instructions to make any. There is a slight mistake in one of the reports I have read, which states that I have made an allegation. I merely asked a question. His Worship: I understand that.

THROUGH THE AGES.

MYSTERY ORIGIN OF THE DOG.

TYPE OF 3500 B.C.

A dog book of importance, since it covers exhaustively in two bulky volumes, profusely illustrated, the whole range of human knowledge of what Cuvier called "man's first conquest," is published.

"Dogs: Their History and Development," by Edward C. Ash (Ernest Benn, Ltd., 2 vols., 25 5s.), starts with ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics, and ends with a voluminous examination of all the known breeds, and more than 100 pages of appendices on doglore, show points, and practice.

Mr. Ash quotes authority for saying that the dog was differentiated into types as long ago as 3500 B.C. Referring to the mystery surrounding the early development of the dog, he says that even the origin of the word "dog" is unknown, and may simply signify the sound of "daw, daw, daw," the bark of a dog heard at a distance.

59 Breeds.

The present Kennel Club classification of the dog comprises 59 sporting, non-sporting, and toy breeds.

The chapter on "The Dog in English History" is particularly interesting. Mr. Ash tells how the dogs of farmers dwelling within and around the royal forests were maimed by law to prevent them chasing the deer. At one time the sinews of the leg were severed; at another the ball of the foot was cut out. In Henry II's reign the dogs were "expedited," that is, three claws of the right forefoot were struck off.

The mastiff, being forced to set one of his forefeet upon a place of wood 8 in. thick and a foot square, was held there whilst a man, setting a chisel of 2 in. broad upon the three claws of his forefoot, at one blow with a mallet, doth smite them clean off.

This mutilation continued up to and during the reign of James I.

This is a monumental work, thorough in the last degree. But lovers of the dog will not consider it too large.

Wireless is a stratagem for producing a monstrous national inactivity.—Mr. R. E. Stevenson.

COMPANY MEETING.

CHINA UNDERWRITERS, LIMITED.

LIFE INSURANCE BUSINESS.

The third annual meeting of China Underwriters, Ltd., was held in St. George's Building this morning, Mr. R. E. Shewan presiding.

Supporting Mr. Shewan were Messrs. C. P. Marcel, Mok Ching-kong, C. A. da Roza and Tsang Foo (members of the Consulting Committee), Mr. H. R. Sturt, F.I.A. (manager and secretary), Mr. E. R. Childe (assistant secretary).

Shareholders present were Messrs.—J. M. Alves, A. Keith, M. A. Figueiredo, F. J. Tavares, J. Toppin, A. L. Shields, Wong Kwong-tin, A. A. Alves, C. Thwaites, Wong Kit-wan, L. B. Gomes and W. N. H. Murdoch.

Converting Figures.

The secretary read the convening notice and the auditors' report. The report and accounts for 1926 were taken as read. In his review of the year's activities, the chairman said—

As the company is conducting business in many currencies both gold and silver we have on this occasion converted all silver currency figures to dollars and all gold currency figures to sterling at the parities of exchange and then converted sterling to dollars at the rate of \$1 equals 1s. 11½d., the rate at Dec. 31, 1926.

The object of this is to secure some continuity in the accounts in future years as the effect of using different rates throughout according to the actual rate ruling at Dec. 31 makes comparison difficult.

Profit on Exchange.

The result of adopting the present basis of exchange instead of the basis adopted for last year's accounts is to show a book profit on exchange of \$12,610, which we have carried to reserve as "Exchange and Investment Fluctuation Account." In total the value placed upon the company's investments is less than the value at market prices and current rates of exchange at Dec. 31, 1926.

As we foreshadowed in our report for 1925 our Life Department has grown to be the largest of our departments but I propose to deal with the working of the various departments in the same order as on previous occasions.

Marine Market.

With regard to the Marine Department this reflects to some extent the unsatisfactory condition of the marine insurance market all over the world and the amount carried to the debit of Profit and Loss Account after setting up \$99,241 as reserve for unexpired risks was \$89,793.

We have gone very carefully into the company's marine business and the major portion of this deficit arises from one source from which business was discontinued as far back as September last. The risks running off in this section, however, have continued to adversely affect the figures.

Prospects Not Great.

With regard to the rest of the marine business the underwriting appears to be generally satisfactory, but as the account is a small one the incidence of one or two comparatively large claims materially affects the figures for the year under review.

As the prospect of any considerable expansion is not great in view of local conditions we have decided to restrict our maximum commitments in this branch considerably. It is hoped and anticipated that this restriction and the discontinuance of the business before referred to will obviate the chance of a repetition of this loss.

Fire Branch.

With regard to the Fire Department the net premiums received during the year amounted to \$85,771 and commissions received to \$34,808 against premiums of \$31,090 and commissions of \$36,727 in 1926.

The sum of \$6,842 is carried to the debit of Profit and Loss as compared with a debit of \$5,998 in 1924 and a credit of \$20,048 in 1925 so that from the company's commencement after setting up reserves for unexpired risks of \$32,391 the amount credited to Profit and Loss has been \$9,209, which is not at this stage unsatisfactory. It is of course desirable that the department should be expanded, and we are making all possible endeavours to effect this.

"Life" Figures Up.

Now as regards our Life Department this has progressed more or less as anticipated and a satisfactory increase is shown in volume. The premium income amounted to \$293,171 against \$133,928 in 1926 being more than double while overhead expenses have increased from \$161,211 to \$186,576, about 15%, and the commission at \$107,560 has increased roughly in proportion to the increase in new business. If the same rates of conversion had been applied the overhead expenses figure (excluding commission) would have been practically the same while the increase in income would have been 89%.

Prediction Fulfilled.

In my remarks at our meeting last year I predicted that in the fourth year of the company's working, i.e. 1927, the income in the department would exceed all outgoings. That this prediction is likely to be fulfilled is evidenced by the fact that in the last quarter of the year under review the income posed by Mr. A. A. Alves, second-highest for the first time exceeded all

HOME POLITICS.

AMENDING TRADE UNIONS BILL.

London, May 6.

Chief among the Government amendments to the Trade Unions Bill is the virtual re-drafting of clause one declaring a strike illegal if it has any object besides the furtherance of a trade dispute within an industry wherein the strikers are engaged, and is designed and calculated to coerce the Government directly or by inflicting hardship on the community. It further forbids the application of any sums for the furtherance of such a strike.

An addendum to the same clause proclaims the illegality of lockouts in the similar terms.—Reuter.

POISON IN SUPPER?

Nine Chinese were admitted to Government Civil Hospital early this morning, suffering from the effects of suspected poisoning.

They had a sumptuous supper together last night and were all taken ill about the same time afterward. All are from No. 30, Hollywood Road.

outgoings (including claims) the excess being some \$10,000.

The amount carried to Establishment of Life Business Account is \$24,073 against \$34,092 in 1925 and the account now stands at \$152,649 at which figure it is unlikely to be increased so that any further cash drain on capital on this account is improbable.

Confidence in Future.

In view of the annual premium income on the books of over \$300,000 the cost of establishment is not excessive and we can, I think, look forward to the future of this department with confidence.

The Accident Department is small but is growing; the net premiums received being \$5,947 against \$2,822 in 1925 or more than double while the expenses at \$5,089 are slightly less than last year.

The amount carried to the debit of Profit and Loss was \$1,338 as compared with \$4,328 in 1925. The growth of premium income while the expenses are not being increased gives promise that this Department can be developed profitably.

Shares at a Premium.

There is one item in the Balance Sheet calling for comment.

You will remember that in June 1925 in order to provide for certain expansion then contemplated a further issue of shares was offered to shareholders at a premium of 50 cents and that half this issue was underwritten.

Owing to the financial position in the Colony brought about by the boycott the issue was not subscribed although the date for subscription was postponed several times.

The underwriters found it difficult in the circumstances to take up their share of the issue and had their doubts as to it is probable the shares would have been thrown on the market.

Agreement Cancelled.

In the circumstances at the request of the underwriters we decided after consulting our legal advisers to cancel the underwriting agreement on payment by the underwriters of the full profit of \$62,500 we should have made if they had taken up their share of the issue.

The company therefore lost nothing by the cancellation except the use of the capital which in the circumstances then existing was not required for the purpose intended. The profit so made together with \$3,000 premium on shares actually issued is carried temporarily to "Premium on Shares Account," but it forms a substantial offset to the amounts carried to the debit of Profit and Loss.

Premiums Collected.

Of the amount \$87,259 shown in the balance sheet as "Outstanding Premiums," \$18,248 represented life premium receipts in the hands of agencies not reported at the date of the account. Of the balance of \$69,041, only \$2,990 remains outstanding.

In the early part of the year our manager, Mr. Farrant, found it necessary for domestic reasons to reside in England and approached us to release him as soon as could be arranged without prejudice to the company's interests. We regretfully acceded to his request and Mr. Sturt, the company's Life Manager, was offered and accepted the position of Manager and Secretary.

I now beg to propose that the report and accounts for 1926 as presented be adopted and passed and when that has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions that shareholders may wish to ask.

Other Business.

Mr. W. H. N. Murdoch seconded. No question was put and the motion was carried unanimously.

The Consulting Committee (Messrs. Allan Cameron, Li Tsang-fong, C. P. Marcel, Mok Ching-kong, C. A. da Roza and Tsang Foo) were re-elected—proposed by Mr. C. Thwaites, seconded by Mr. Wong Kit-wan.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected auditors for the current year at a fee of \$750 each—proposed by Mr. A. A. Alves, second-highest for the first time exceeded all

DEBTS NOTE.

CALMER VIEW IN AMERICA.

SOME PRESS OPINIONS.

New York, May 6.

A calmer view is taken by the Press as regards the British debt Note.

The conviction is growing that the Note is intended to correct erroneous impressions current in Europe rather than to embarrass the United States or re-open the question of war debts, a fresh discussion of which at present is regarded as futile.

The "New York Times" declares that "if the common man comes to see that the war debts are hampering our foreign trade and hurting our prestige he will be readier to reconsider and re-arrange them."

The "Herald Tribune" concludes a leader thus:—"Revisions may be justified later, but it must be left to our goodwill and good judgment when and how."—Reuter's American Service.

"Irresponsible Talk."

Washington, May 6.

The "Washington Post" in a leader on the British note, regrets that this question has come to the front at a time when other questions, notably the difference in policy in regard to China, engross the attention of the British and American Governments. It admits that the British Government never hinted at cancellation of debts and says that doubtless it appreciates the fact that irresponsible cancellation talk placed it in an embarrassing position. "Mr. Mellon, in put-

ting the question upon the cancellations, could not have had in view the misrepresenting of the debt situation or the wounding of the feelings of the British Government. British-American friendship cannot be destroyed. It is a pity that any difference of opinion has arisen."—Reuter's American Service.

French Opinion.

Paris, May 6.

"The British Note caught the United States Government in the act of making a dishonest manoeuvre," declares "Le Journal," congratulating Britain on her "gesture" in regards to the British-American debt. It declares that it has again been shown that it is not sufficient to draw up fantastic figures on paper to dispose of a debt problem.

"L'Echo de Paris" believes that Mr. Mellon's reply gives small hope of any change of heart in the United States on the question of debt-revision in the near future.—Reuter.

A Pernambuco despatch reports that Stroman is three hours overdue and fears are felt for his safety.—Reuter.

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A HANDICAP.

EFFECT OF SMUGGLING ON RETAILERS.

WINE FOR 40 CENTS.

A Chinese boatman and his wife were fined \$100 or in default, two months' hard labour at the Magistrate's yesterday in connection with the sale of rice-spirits called "sheung-ling." C.P.O. Clarke stating that he was not suggesting that it was smuggled stuff that was seized, but from the facts he claimed that if the defendants had the chance to deal in the cheaper brand of smuggled wines, they would hardly have rejected it.

Retailers of Chinese wines recently complained to the Revenue Department, it was explained, that on account of the large amount of smuggled wine being put on the market they were being subjected to unfair competition. For many of them it was claimed that they had not made sufficient profit even to cover the cost of their licences.

Evidence was to the effect that the wine had been bought by a Chinese Revenue Officer who boarded a large boat in the harbour, two bottles having been bought for two marked twenty-cent pieces.

The defence was that the wine had been sold by a small boy on board against the orders of the defendants.

In the "Government Gazette" are published lists of persons authorised to sign death certificates, dental surgeons and exempted persons, and medical and surgical practitioners.

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MEXICO'S LAWS.

PETROLEUM COMPANIES' POSITION.

Mexico City, May 6.

Oil and legal experts declare that the final Supreme Court decision, with regard to the constitutionality of the new petroleum law may be delayed by the decision mentioned on May 5. The experts point out that the companies may now file new applications in District Courts for injunctions against the petroleum law, and then after the District Courts have given a ruling thereon, may make fresh appeals, if necessary, to the Supreme Court.—Reuter.

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TAI WAN BAY.

BATHING BEACH TIME TABLE.

It is notified in the "Government Gazette" that a motor bus service from the Kowloon Star Ferry to this beach will operate as from May 7 until further notice.

Time Table:—Monday to Friday inclusive:—Buses leave Kowloon Star Ferry every 15 minutes between the hours of 4.30 and 6 p.m.

Saturday, Sundays and Public Holidays:—Buses leave Kowloon Star Ferry every 15 minutes between the hours of 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Last bus will leave the bathing beach at 7.30 p.m. daily.

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COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

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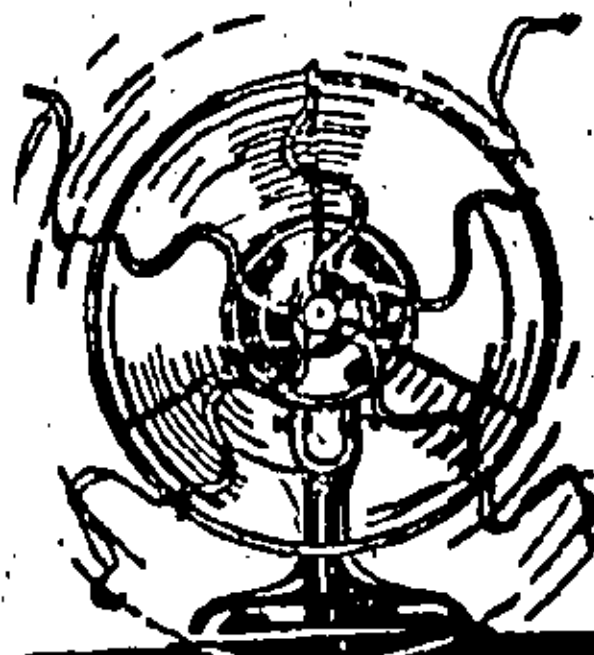
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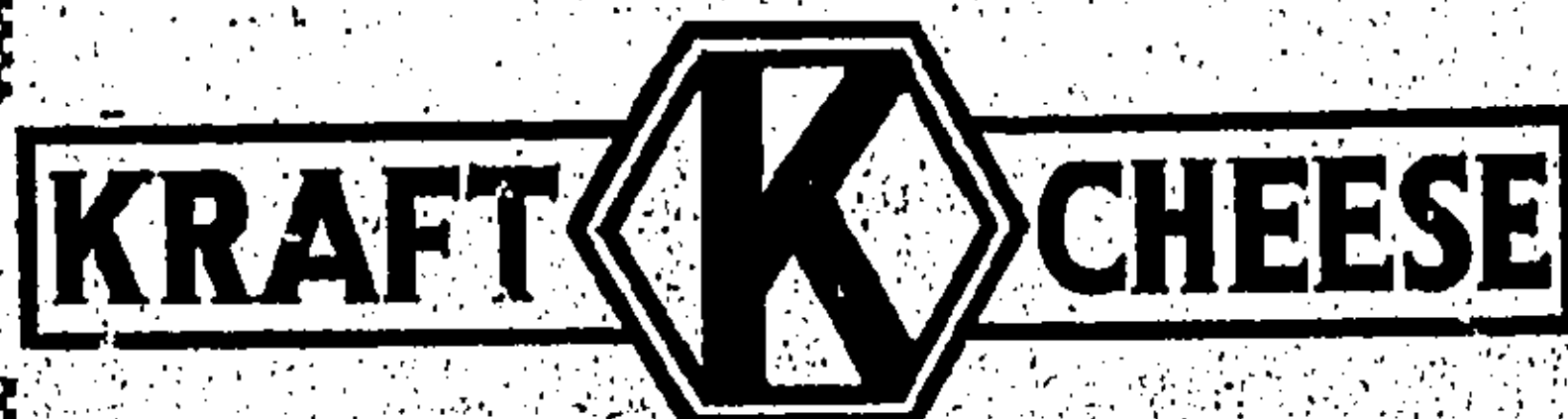
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Easter Day brought Italy severe
hail and snow storms, causing ex-
tensive damage.

The Turkish Parliament has
voted nearly £26,000,000 to Public
Works, mainly railway construction.

In a case at Wood Green it was
stated that a woman, after taking
out a summons against her hus-
band, wrote to him that she held
99 chances of succeeding and she
conceded to him the 100th chance.
The husband won.

"Many of you are going to
sleep, please get up and shake
yourselves," said the Bishop of
Exeter, Dr. Neville Talbot, ad-
dressing a missionary meeting at
Reading. The audience rose in a
body, and the bishop, highly amused,
rubbed his hands and resumed his
address.

The Baronne de la Grange, who
earned the title of "Mother of the
British Army in France" for her
devotion to the troops in Flanders
after her home, the Chateau de la
Motte, near Hazebrouck, was re-
covered from the Germans, was re-
quested of the British Legion at Hull.
She is helping in an effort to erect
a memorial in Oppy Wood, where
the Hull Brigade suffered 2,000
casualties on May 3, 1917.

Workmen digging in a copse at
Titchfield, Hampshire, discovered
ancient pottery and other articles
at a depth of about 2ft. below the
surface. Mr. C. J. Mcgridge, of
Fareham, an archaeologist, thinks
that the workmen have unearthed
a fine example of a Neolithic kitchen
hearth. The hearth contained
a good store of pottery, which
was broken, and other Stone Age
implements.

The St. Peter's Church Monthly
Leaflet, which has made its initial
appearance, is a handy medium
for keeping members of the Church
and congregation in touch with
various activities in connection
with the Church. From it, we
learn that a moonlight picnic is to
be arranged on Monday, May 16
and that the weekly picnics will
commence on Saturday, May 28.
The last debate of the St. Peter's
Young Men's Club will take place
at the Club House on Tuesday, May
17 at 8.30 p.m., the subject being
"that modern fashions in dress are
better than those of our grand-
parents."

An exhibition of Chinese art is
being held at Lee Garden, East
Point, from Sunday to Tuesday in-
clusively.

At an inquest at Bradford on
Annie Elizabeth Kelghley, aged 42,
wife of a master butcher, it was
stated that she had taken 131
aspirin tablets in a few hours. A
doctor said the usual dose was six
tablets a day. A verdict of Death
from Poisoning through an ac-
cidental over-dose was returned.



Mr. Walter Bridgeman, First
Lord of the Admiralty.

POLICE DANCE.

There was a large attendance
at the fancy dress dance in Police
Headquarters last night. Prizes
were awarded as follows:
Ladies' most original costume—
Miss Wiltshire.
Ladies' best dress—Miss Hunt
(Bo Peep).
Gentlemen's most original
costume—Mr. Gillespie (Plus
Sixteen).
Gentlemen's best dress—P. O.
Mason (Felix).
Music was by the "Melodians"
Band.

Through falling into the
Chinese Y.M.C.A. (enclosed) re-
creation ground in Bridges
Street, a Chinese boy (three years
of age) has been injured in the
head to an extent warranting
treatment in hospital.

Inquiries are being made for
two Chinese, said to have been on
the crew of the s.s. "Taishan."
The manager of the Kwong Wo
Cheong firm, No. 328, Queen's
Road Central, alleges that he en-
trusted them with \$310 worth of
singlets and other goods for de-
livery to a firm in Canton, which
has not received the merchandise
and the men have not been heard
of.

The ribbon attached to a
wreath placed on the bridge at
Christchurch by the Duke of York
as a souvenir of his visit has been
stolen, though it was put at a height
of 16ft. for safety. The theft is
especially resented because the City
Council had arranged to have the
ribbon made into artificial flowers
to be kept as a souvenir. A bou-
quet placed by the Duchess of York
on the cenotaph at Hamilton dur-
ing the New Zealand tour also dis-
appeared. A woman afterwards
confessed that she took the flowers
not knowing that they were the
Duchess's gift. She retained the
ribbon to adorn her wedding bou-
quet.

"If more companies adopted a
more conservative policy in holding
depreciation reserves and wrote off
a large amount for depreciation, a
great many more of them would be
kept up-to-date, like Brunner,
Mond and Company," declared Sir
Alfred Mond, the chairman, at the
annual meeting of that company.
The company, he pointed out, al-
located £200,000 to depreciation and
had a depreciation reserve of
£282,000 to provide for the contin-
gency of any new process render-
ing plant obsolescent. Answering
a shareholder, Sir Alfred Mond
denied that there was any con-
tract between the company and the
promoters of the Imperial Chemical
Industries. Circulars were issued
to shareholders, he explained, ask-
ing them to exchange their shares
for shares in the amalgamated com-
pany and 95 per cent. responded.
It would be very much to the in-
terests of the remaining shareholders,
he said, to do so as speedily as pos-
sible. There was no question of
winding up Brunner, Mond, and
Company.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

A Reuter's message from Cairo
says that the American Minister,
Dr. Howell, is resigning from
July 6.

Mrs. Charlie Chaplin, nee Lita
Gray, has been awarded \$1,500
monthly alimony pending trial of
her divorce suit against the com-
edian. The payments are to date
back to January 10, when the suit
was filed.

According to an "Associated
Press" message from London, it is
rumoured from Seville that the
Prince of Wales is about to become
engaged to the Infanta Beatrice,
the elder daughter of the Spanish sov-
ereigns, King Alfonso and Queen
Victoria. The Infanta has reserved
a suite in the Hotel Claridge, Lon-
don, while the Prince will be the
guest of honour at the ball the
Spanish ambassador is giving at
the embassy in London late in
May.

During his Premiership Notting-
ham Corporation decided to ask the
Right Hon. D. Lloyd George to
accept the honorary freedom of the
city. Pressure of work prevented
Mr. Lloyd George from visiting Not-
tingham at that period, but it was
understood that he would under-
take the journey later. Alderman
Pendleton, an ex-Mayor of the
city, has now given notice of his
intention to move at a meeting of
the Council a resolution providing
that if the freedom of the city is
not actually conferred within one
year after a decision in relation to
it has been arrived at it shall be
deemed to have been conferred, and
shall not be acted upon without a fresh
resolution.

After 24 years as assistant
jailer in charge of prisoners in the
dock at Bow Street Police Court,
Police-Constable Frederick Cavell
has retired on pension. He had
been in the police force for 26 years.
No fewer than 200,000 delinquents
have been "ushered" by him before
12 successive magistrates. Among
them were many noted criminals,
and at least 1,000 have been extra-
dited to almost every part of the
world. On six occasions P.C. Cavell
has been the victim of violence
from the dock, the last time being
only a few months ago, when he
was attacked by a woman who had
more than 250 convictions against
her. He frequently intercepted
mistaken letters for witnesses and
magistrates, but, despite this
vigilance, the woodwork at the
back of the witness-box still bears
a mark caused by a boot thrown
with great force from the dock.

Among the Hong Kong passen-
gers to sail on the "Atsuta Maru"
to-day for Singapore, Europe and
London were Rev. E. Papinot, Mrs.
J. Henschel, Miss O. M. Russell,
Mrs. M. A. Machado, Dr. and Mrs.
J. P. Faria, Mr. G. A. Forstery and
Captain Oskar Monsen.

The following deaths were an-
nounced at Home in mail week—
The Countess of Arran (only
daughter of Baron Huysser van
Kattendyke, of Zeeland, Holland),
who was married to the Earl of
Arran in 1902, died at Thoby
Priory, Ingatstone, Essex; Dr.
John Moore Swain, who was 100
last January and had practised
medicine in the Vale of Belvoir for
60 years, at Long Clawson, Leices-
tershire; Professor Arthur William
Scott Phillips, Professor of
Science at St. David's College,
Lampeter, Cardiganshire, since
1872, aged 81; and Rev. John A.
Joyce, who went to India for the
London Missionary Society in 1892
and was stationed at Berhampur,
north of Calcutta, with his wife
until 1925, at St. George Road,
Westminster, S.W., aged 61.

CHEFOO RESIDENTS.

Mr. & Mrs. H. J. Alty Leave
For Home.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Chefoo, April 25.
On April 21, Mr. and Mrs. H. J.
Alty, who have lived and worked
here for many years, left the port.
It is 38 years, since Mr. Alty first
came to Chefoo. Mr. and Mrs.
Alty have been connected with the
China Inland Mission schools from
the first, and they will both be
greatly missed by the community.
For many years too, Mr. Alty has
held office at St. Andrew's Church
and, before they left, suitable pre-
sentations were made by the mem-
bers of St. Andrew's Church Coun-
cil and by their fellow-workers at
the schools. Mr. and Mrs. Alty
have now retired from active ser-
vice out here and their friends wish
them many years of restful and less
exacting service in the Homeland.

Obituary.
The death is recorded with regret
of one of the oldest residents in the
person of Mr. A. K. Ouslatinski,
who passed away on the evening of
April 19 from apoplexy.
The funeral took place in the
East Beach cemetery on April 21,
when the widow, her sister and a
nephew and niece were the chief
mourners. The committal service
was conducted by the Rev. A. H.
Faers, and the pall bearers were
Messrs. V. Eckford, D. Cappelen,
A. Faers, J. Pains and A. Polverino.

With their bearskins held aloft
on the point of sword and bayonet,
the officers and men of the 1st
Welsh Guards, led by Lieut.-Colonel
Leatham, the commanding officer,
gave three mighty cheers for the
Prince of Wales, at Aldershot after
he had inspected the battalion, of
which he is colonel.

A few weeks hence Mr. John
Taylor, of Hillside House, Green
Street Green, near Orpington,
Kent, will be 103,
and his wife, Sophy Taylor, will
attain the same age in August.
They are said to be the oldest
married couple in Britain. Mr.
Taylor enjoys his daily glass of
beer and a smoke, while Mrs.
Taylor is able to read and knit
without glasses. Mr. Taylor is a
native of London. When the Great
Exhibition buildings of 1851 were
being erected in Hyde Park he was
employed as a carpenter, and laid
planks for Queen Victoria and the
Prince Consort to walk on when
they paid a surprise visit to the
site.

Sir John Sutherland Harwood-
Banner died at Ingmire Hall, Sed-
burgh, Yorkshire. Sir John, who
was Conservative M.P. for the
Everton division of Liverpool from
1905 to 1924, was in his 81st year.
He was Lord Mayor of Liverpool
in 1913. For more than half a
century he was an accountant in
Liverpool. Both in local affairs
and in Parliament he led a busy
life. Besides his accountancy in-
terests, Sir John was on the boards
of 21 companies, including a num-
ber of oil and transport concerns.
He was knighted in 1913 and re-
ceived his baronetcy in 1924. He
was twice married, and his heir is
Major Harwood Harwood-Banner,
who is a coal-owner.

It is officially announced that
Major-General Sean McKee, com-
manding the Free State troops at
The Currigh Camp, has been ap-
pointed Quartermaster-General of
the Free State Army. Formerly a
blacksmith in Ballinacorney, County
Longford, General McKee was one
of the most prominent leaders of
the Irish Republican Army in the
fighting which preceded the estab-
lishment of the Free State. At
one time there was a price on his
head, and when in the early sum-
mer of 1921 he was captured, he
was court-martialled and sentenced
to death. Members of the I.R.A.
made extraordinary efforts to re-
scue him from Mountjoy Prison.
Half a dozen of them, dressed in
British uniforms, seized an armoured
car and gained access to the
prison, but at the last moment their
plan was foiled. General McKee
was liberated on the signing of the
truce in July 1921.

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SPORTS SECTION

HOME CRICKET.

SURREY OVERWHELMED AT LORDS.

CANTABS' GOOD FIGHT.

London, May 6. County championship matches completed to-day resulted:—

Kent v. Worcester. At Folkestone, Kent defeated Worcestershire by an innings and 89 runs. Scores:—

Worcester (1st) 236 runs (Higgins 65). Kent (1st) 504 runs (A.P.F. Chapman 168, Ames 90, Wright 60). Worcester (2nd) 179 runs.

Notts v. Essex. At Nottingham, Notts lost first innings points to Essex. Scores:—

Notts (1st) 253 runs (Whysall 51, Lilley 61, Nichols 5 for 65). Essex (2nd) 340 runs for 8 wickets. (O'Connor 124).

Notts (2nd) 188 runs for 7 wickets.

Other first-class matches resulted:—

M.C.C. v. Surrey. At Lord's, the M.C.C. beat Surrey by an innings and 7 runs. Scores:—

Surrey (1st) 326 runs (Sandham 106, Hobbs 61). M.C.C. (1st) 458 runs (Hearne 112, Hendren 136, M.D. Lyon 88).

Surrey (2nd) 125 runs (Hearne 4 for 42, Hon. F.S.G. Calthorpe 4 for 35).

Oxford v. Lancs. At Oxford, the University lost to Lancashire by eight wickets. Scores:—

Oxford (1st) 244 runs (Newman 92, R. Tyldesley 5 for 36). Lancs. (1st) 376 runs (Hallows 100, Watson 92).

Oxford (2nd) 159 runs (MacDonald 5 for 48). Lancs. (2nd) 28 runs for 2 wickets.

Cantabs v. Yorkshire. At Cambridge, the University drew with Yorkshire. Scores:—

Yorks (1st) 382 runs (Oldroyd 114, Leyland 64, Rhodes 73; Allom 7 for 98).

Cantabs (1st) 372 runs (K. S. Dulleep Singh 101, E. W. Dawson 68, Morgan 60).

Yorks (2nd) 205 runs for 3 wickets. (Sutcliffe 87, Leyland 77 not out).

Cantabs (2nd) 85 runs for 3 wickets. —Reuter.

WORLD TENNIS.

BRITAIN IN DAVIS CUP MATCHES.

2 WINS IN SINGLES.

Birmingham, May 6. In the Davis Cup (European zone, eliminating round) lawn tennis, Higgs (Britain) defeated Malmstrom (Sweden) 3-6, 6-3, 6-0, 3-6, 6-2; C. H. Kingsley (Britain) defeated Garrell (Sweden) 6-2, 6-1, 7-5. —Reuter.

(Note: As a Davis Cup tie consists of four singles and one doubles match, Britain needs only one more victory to enter the next round).

South Africa v. Ireland.

Dublin, May 6. Also in the Davis Cup, Condon (South Africa) defeated Campbell (Ireland) 3-6, 2-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-4; and J. D. B. Spence (South Africa) beat St. John Mahony (Ireland) 6-2, 6-3, 6-8. —Reuter.

U.S. Stars in Germany.

Berlin, May 6. In a lawn tennis match, W. T. Tilden (U.S.A.) defeated Frotzheim (U.S.A.) 6-2, 6-4 and Hunter (U.S.A.) beat Landemann 6-2, 6-1, 9-7. —Reuter.

STILL BANNED.

PAOLINO'S MATCH WITH DEMPSEY.

NEW YORK DECISION.

New York, May 6. The New York boxing authorities have refused to lift the suspension on Paolino (the Spanish heavy-weight champion). Thus the projected match fixed for July 9 against Jack Dempsey is problematical. —Reuter's American Service.

STILL SCORING.

REECE'S PENDULUM CANNON.

BREAK OF 6417.

London, May 6. Reece, who is still playing against Paolino at Thurston's, completed a pendulum cannon break of 6417, thereby putting up another new world's record. —Reuter.

TO-DAY'S RACES.

PONIES WHICH MAY PAY TO FOLLOW.

3RD EXTRA MEETING.

For the Hong Kong Jockey Club's 3rd extra race meeting of the season, which begins at Happy Valley at 2.30 p.m. to-day, the following ponies may pay to follow:—

Race I, 5 furlongs: The Goblin to win. Loongwa or September for places.

Race II, 6 furlongs: King Alan to win. Easter Day or The Sandpiper for places.

Race III, 6 furlongs: Barley Grass 1, Grande del Norte 2, Grey Knight 3.

Race IV, 4 mile: Saligia 1, Brigade Call 2, Baccarat 3.

Race V, 6 furlongs: King of the Plains 1, Battle Eve 2, Total Abstinence 3 each way bet.

Race VI, 1 1/4 miles: Loch Tummel or Espar to win. Dobbin a place.

Race VII, 6 furlongs: The Grig 1, Bing Bay 2, Kom Tong Hall 3.

Race VIII, 1 mile: Pottenbush 1, Spectre 2, Tangle 3.

Race IX, 1 1/4 miles: The Gomeril to win. Papyrus or Dragon Boat for a place.

CHEFOO SPORTS.

C.I.M. BOYS' SCHOOL ANNUAL.

MATCH v. SETTLEMENT.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Chefoo, April 25. On April 21, the China Inland Mission Boys' School held their annual sports and on April 23, the Settlement and the C.I.M. Boys' School held a contest which had been eagerly looked forward to.

The weather was favourable on both days and the contests were keenly run and thoroughly enjoyed by a large number of spectators.

All the competitors were in good form and carried out the various items in true sporting fashion. At the Boys' School sports, the Challenge Shield and Certificates were presented by Mrs. Welch.

The Results.

The Challenge Shield was won by J. Pote-Hunt with 40 points against P. Moore who as runner-up scored 28 points.

The results were as follows:—

100 yards, Senior: 1 J. Pote-Hunt, 2 P. Moore. Time: 11.1-5 secs.

100 yards, Middle: 1 A. Smith, 2 R. Walker. Time: 12.3-5 secs.

100 yards, Junior: 1 P. Dilley, 2 J. Hearne. Time: 13.4-5 secs.

Hurdles, Senior: 1 N. Dorval, 2 J. Pote-Hunt. 14 secs.

Long Jump, Middle: 1 R. Walker, 2 D. Mann. Distance: 12 ft. 8 1/2 in.

Long Jump, Senior: 1 J. Pote-Hunt, 2 P. Moore. Distance: 16 ft. 7 1/2 in.

220 yards, Junior: 1 P. Dilley, 2 C. Leggate. Time: 34.2-5 secs.

440 yards, Middle: 1 R. Walker, 2 D. Dilley. Time: 69 secs.

High Jump, Senior: 1 C. Stark, 2 P. Moore. Height: 4 ft. 7 1/2 in.

High Jump, Middle: 1 E. Bannan, 2 L. Dunlap. Height: 3 ft. 10 1/2 in.

440 yards, Senior: 1 J. Pote-Hunt, 2 P. Moore. Time: 61.1-5 secs.

220 yards, Senior: 1 J. Pote-Hunt, 2 E. Bevis. Time: 27.2-5 secs.

22 yards, Middle: 1 A. Smith, 2 R. Walker. Time: 31.3-5 secs.

440 yards, Junior: 1 P. Dilley, 2 M. Andrew. Time: 80.4-5 secs.

880 yards, Senior: 1 C. Fairclough, 2 P. Moore. Time: 2 mins. 26.3-5 secs.

880 yards, Middle: 1 G. Edgar, 2 D. Darlington. Time: 2 mins. 43.2-5 secs.

Consolation Races: Junior, P. Evans; Middle, D. Lansborough; Senior, P. Davies.

Settlement v. Boys.

The results of the Settlement v. C.I.M. Boys' School were:—

100 yards: 1 R. Eckford, 2 Phillips, 3 E. Bevis, 4 N. Dorval.

Quarter Mile: 1 W. Malcolm, 2 J. Pote-Hunt, 3 P. Moore.

Throwing the Cricket Ball: 1 W. Malcolm, 2 P. Moore, 3 Foster Hall, 4 E. Bevis. Distance: 76 yds. 1 ft. 1 in.

Relay Hurdle Race: 1 R. Eckford (Settlement), 2 N. Dorval (C.I.M. School).

Long Jump: 1 R. Eckford, 2 A. R. Hogg, 3 J. Pote-Hunt, 4 P. Moore. Distance: 18 ft. 0 1/4 in.

High Jump: 1 W. Malcolm, 2 Foster Hall, 3 P. Moore, 4 A. R. Hogg. Height: 4 ft. 10 1/2 in.

Half Mile: 1 C. Fairclough, 2 L. Andrew, 3 A. R. Hogg, 4 P. A. Bruce. Time: 26.1-5 secs.

R.A. FINALS.

ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS MEETING.

UNIT CHAMPIONS.

The finals of the Royal Artillery athletic sports meeting were run off on the United Services Recreation Club's ground, Kowloon, yesterday afternoon in the presence of a large gathering of officers, their ladies and friends.

Except for a slight drizzle earlier in the afternoon and the fact that the ground was soft on account of Thursday night's rain, a very good afternoon's sport was enjoyed by all.

In spite of the state of the ground some very exciting races were witnessed.

Competition was keen between the various Batteries, while the open events did not fail to secure support.

No. 38 Battery won the championship of the meeting while the individual championship cup (presented by R. A. officers) went to Gunner Philpott.

"No. 38 Wins."

The Band of the 2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers was in attendance and enlivened the proceedings with a fine programme of music.

Tea was served on the ground during the afternoon.

At the conclusion Mrs. Russell, wife of Colonel Russell, officer commanding R. A. distributed prizes to the successful competitors.

Battery Sergeant Major W. Bray, D.C.M., received the Championship Cup on behalf of his battery (No. 38) and was "chained" off the field by his men.

Little Miss Bettine Broadhurst presented a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Russell, who was also accorded three hearty cheers and a lusty "tiger."

The Results.

100 Yards:—1 Gnr. Rogers, 2 L./Bdr. Sharland, 3 Gnr. Philpott. Time: 11.2-5 secs.

Putting the Shot:—1 Gnr. Cotton, 2 L./Bdr. Hall, 3 Gnr. Philpott. Distance: 30 ft. 3 1/2 ins.

High Jump:—1 Gnr. Bellerby, 2 L./Bdr. Hall, 3 Sgt. Leach. Height: 5 ft. 5 ins.

220 Yards:—1 Gnr. Philpott, 2 L./Bdr. Rogers, 3 Gnr. Sharland. Time: 25.4-5 secs.

Long Jump:—1 L./Bdr. Davey, 2 L./Bdr. Smith, 3 Sgt. Leach. Distance: 17 ft. 7 1/2 ins.

Quarter Mile:—1 Gnr. Bowden, 2 Gnr. Doe, 3 L./Bdr. Davey. Time: 58.2-5 secs.

Boat Race:—1 Gnr. Pascoe's team, 2 Gnr. Murphy's team, 3 Sgt. Cook's team.

One Mile:—1 Gnr. Newman, 2 Gnr. Goodridge, 3 Cpl. Howard. Time: 5 mins. 07 secs.

Boys' 80 Yards:—1 A. Hargrave, 2 T. Hutchins, 3 C. Linsay.

Half Mile:—1 Gnr. Maddocks, 2 Gnr. Doe, 3 Gnr. Newman. Time: 2 mins. 19.4-5 secs.

Girls' Race:—1 Betty Wood, 2 Phyllis Moore, 3 Elsie Hunt.

Threading the Needle:—1 Sgt. and Mrs. Jolly, 2 Q.M.S. and Mrs. Moore, 3 Sgt. and Mrs. Gownell.

One Mile (open):—1 Pte. Tiernan (R.A.M.C.), 2 Pte. Cranston (2nd/K.O.S.B.), 3 A. B. Stafford (H.M.S. "Stormcloud").

Time: 4 mins. 56 secs.

Half Mile Relay:—1 No. 38 Battery, 2 Headquarters and District Establishment, 3 No. 12 Battery. Time: 1 min. 49.2-5 secs.

Warrant Officers, Staff Sergeants and Sergeants' Race:—1 Sgt. Hutchings, 2 B. S. M. Bennett, 3 Sgt. Cook.

Obstacle Race:—1 No. 38 Battery, 2 Egg and Spoon Race:—1 Mrs. Hunt, 2 Mrs. Moore, 3 Mrs. Lind.

Officers' Race:—1 Major Scovill, 2 Col. Russell.

One Mile Relay:—1 No. 38 Battery, 2 Headquarters and District Establishment, 3 No. 23 Battery. Time: 4 mins. 16.1-5 secs.

One Mile Relay Race (open):—1 2nd/K.O.S.B. "A" team, 2 2nd/K.O.S.B. "B" team, 3 H.E. Volunteer Defence Corps. Time: 4 mins. 06.3-5 secs.

Band Race:—1 Bandman Stokes, 2 Bandman Higgs, 3 Band Sgt. Ware.

220 Yards Consolation Race:—1 Gnr. Jobe, 2 Gnr. Fellow, 3 Gnr. Eagles.

100 Yards Consolation Race:—1 Sgt. Glazebrook, 2 Gnr. Miles, 3 L./Bdr. Smith.

Tug-of-War (130 stones):—No. 23 Battery won from No. 38 Battery by 2 pulls to 1.

Tug-of-War (110 stones):—No. 38 Battery won from No. 23 Battery by 2 straight pulls.

CHINESE SPORTS.

More than 160 competitors have entered for the 5th annual athletic sports meeting of South China Athletic Association to be held to-morrow at the H.K.F.C. ground (Happy Valley) at 12 noon.

Some of the heats will be run at 2.30 p.m. to-day.

Mr. Chanson Chan is chairman, Mr. Mok Wing-yu (President) and Mr. Lee Hysan (Vice-President).

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

It is understood that the final in the open singles of the H.K.C.C. tennis tournament (Ng Sze-kwong v. S. A. Rumjahn) will be played, weather permitting, on Monday, followed by the doubles (Rumjahn's cousins v. Honda and Akiyama) on Thursday.

The exhibition matches for the M.C.L. funds are on Wednesday.

AT EPSOM.

NEW STAND FOR THE 1927 DERBY.

TO HOLD 20,000 PEOPLE.

The new grand stand at Epsom will be completed in time for the Derby which will be run on June 1. Part of the stand was brought into use for the Epsom Spring Races (April 19-20) when accommodation was found for 12,000 people.

The old stand accommodated 6,000 people. The new one, which will be the biggest on any race-course in Europe, will hold 20,000.

The royal apartments, reached by a lift from the ground, include a drawing-room, luncheon-room, kitchen, retiring rooms for the King and Queen and their suite, and ample balcony accommodation.

The decorations are being carried out in cornflower blue.

For two months work went on at the stand for twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week. At night the work is carried on by the light of searchlights and floodlights, erected on wooden towers.

OLYMPIC GAMES.

59 COUNTRIES INVITED FOR NEXT YEAR.

The Hague.—Invitations to take part in the Olympic Games to be held in Amsterdam next year have been issued by the Organising Committee to fifty-nine different national committees.

The dates fixed for the games are from July 28 to August 12.

Considerable disappointment is being expressed here over the decision of the International Lawn Tennis Federation not to hold a lawn tennis tournament in connection with the 1928 Olympic Games.

Countries Against Tennis.

Mr. Hoyte Veder, secretary of the Netherlands Lawn Tennis Bond, has however, expressed the opinion that

if it had been decided in Paris to take part in the Olympic Games it would have been questionable whether the Olympic Tennis Tournament would have been a success, as the countries which voted against it, America, England, and France, would possibly have refused to take part.

The Olympic Games Committee hopes that in every other respect the success of the Games will be such that the omission of this feature will not matter.

MACAO CASH SWEEPS.

The \$1 cash sweeps on the novice riders' race at the Macao Race Club's "athletic" meeting last weekend resulted:—

Race 1:—No. 44, \$74.55; No. 141, \$21.30; No. 51, \$10.65. Unplaced No. 67.

Race 2:—No. 163, \$96.60; No. 164, \$27.60; No. 29, \$13.80. Unplaced No. 291.

Race 3:—No. 8, \$98.14; No. 116, \$28.04; No. 160, \$14.02. Unplaced Nos. 84, 155.

Race 4:—No. 123, \$102.20; No. 218, \$29.20; No. 120, \$14.60. Unplaced Nos. 82, 165, 166, 6.

[Unplaced starters get \$2 each.]

FIGHT ENDS.

NICARAGUAN LIBERALS' DECISION.

Managua, May 6.

In spite of the failure to reach an agreement with Mr. Stimson, General Moncada has announced that he is prepared to order the Liberal troops to lay down their arms, which will be handed over to the United States troops.

It seems certain that the United States will be prepared to take the fight against us. If fighting continues," declared General Moncada.

He added that "since the continuation of Diaz in the Presidency programme, we are unable to resist, but we are not signing any peace agreement. Bearing such provision, we are forced by a greater power to cease the fight, but since peace be the result, we shall devote our efforts to helping to restore order, so that the Liberals may gain honest control in the elections which will be supervised by the United States." —Reuter's American Service.

Custody of Arms.

Managua, May 6.

Supporting General Moncada's statement the Liberal peace delegates have published a letter to General Moncada from Mr. Stimson saying that President Coolidge has authorized the American forces to accept the custody of the arms of those willing to lay them down, including the arms of the Government forces, and to disarm forcibly those refusing to lay down their arms. —Reuter's American Service.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Till noon to-morrow the official weather forecast for Hong Kong, the adjacent coast and Formosa Channel is:—

"Moderate N.E. winds, generally overcast, some rain."

It is proclaimed by order of His Excellency the Governor in Council that Saigon is a place at which an infectious or contagious disease prevails.

Women have conscience in all they do; but they are not so fussy about abstract justice as men. —Dante May Whitty.

INDIAN RIOTS.

TROOP MOVEMENTS NOW DEFERRED.

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE.

Simla, May 6.

As a precautionary measure in view of the communal riots in Lahore and the general tension of public feeling, the departure for the hills of the British Infantry from the neighbouring cantonments in the Punjab and Lahore has been indefinitely postponed. —Reuter.

GAS TANK EXPLODES.

FATALITIES IN HOUSE COLLAPSE.

WATER MAIN BURSTS.

New York, May 6.

Six persons were killed and a score injured through the collapse of a house near the East River owing to the explosion of a gas tank in the neighbourhood bursting the water main under the building. —Reuter's American Service.

BALLOON JUMPING.

THRILLS OF THE NEWEST AIR SPORT.

WONDERFUL POSSIBILITIES.

Balloon jumping, a new sport which combines the thrills of parachuting with the exhilaration of flying, is to be tested in England under the auspices of the "Daily Express."

The first jumping balloon ever constructed in this country has just been completed to the orders of the "Daily Express," and is to be tested at Stag Lane Aerodrome, Edgware.

The Air Ministry has been invited to send representatives.

Balloon jumping is a novelty that presents wonderful possibilities of spectacular recreation. A baby balloon, equipped with a special harness of the parachute type is the outfit for the sport. The balloon has to be so inflated as to adjust its "lift" to the weight of the pilot.

Soaring Leaps.

It is claimed for the new sport that the balloonist is able to soar over the countryside in great leaps. The balloonist springs from the ground and is carried into mid-air and wafted long distances before the balloon slowly descends.

As the pilot's feet touch the earth he takes off again with another great leap, which sends him off once more over fields and hedges, and even over houses.

The tests with the "Daily Express" jumping balloon will show whether the vision of this exciting pastime can become a reality.

Mr. Ernest Allen, the managing director of Messrs. C. G. Spencer and Sons, Ltd., who have constructed the test balloon, said to a "Daily Express" representative that a number of wealthy sportsmen have already expressed their eagerness to try the thrills of balloon jumping.

See of Adventure.

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MOTORING SECTION

ROAD TRANSPORT.

THE SIX-WHEELED VEHICLE.

The development of road transport, much of it at the expense of the railways, has been very much in evidence recently, and the indications are that it is likely to increase still further with the progress now being made in the construction of good roads and the present high rail charges. There is much to be said for the conveyance of goods by road vehicles, which can pick up the lighter kinds of freight at the actual place of production and with little or no delay transport them to their destination. The system has the advantage of speed arising mainly from the avoidance of the delays inherent in the loading of heavy trains, which seldom touch directly the places of production or consumption.

At the close of the war it was estimated that there were no fewer than 80,000 motor transport vehicles in use by the Expeditionary Force on the Western front. These were mainly of the 3 to 4-ton lorry type with solid tyres, which had been built under a pre-war subsidy scheme of the War Department. These vehicles, however, were not well suited to the rough roads behind the front, and for cross-country work lighter tyres of vans had to be employed.

Since the war the mechanisation of military transport has made considerable progress, and on March 11 last Captain C. H. Kuhne, D.S.O., O.B.E., R.A.S.C., gave an account to the Institution of Mechanical Engineers of the developments which had followed the research work done by the War Department with a view to producing a vehicle which, while meeting all the stringent conditions of war service, should still be an attractive proposition for commercial work in times of peace. In order to secure greater freedom of movement a specification was drawn up for a 30-cwt lorry which, by the use of high-grade materials and pneumatic tyres, and by the elimination in the design of all superfluous material, would be likely to render the required service in cross-country work.

Reduction of Axle Weight.

It was at once recognized that a 30-cwt lorry represented a retrograde step, in that the useful load was limited in order to secure greater freedom of motion. The reduced carrying capacity involves a larger number of men and vehicles and a greater amount of road space for the same tonnage, and an effort was therefore made to embody the main desiderata of the military lorry in a new type of vehicle, which would provide a greater area of contact so as to prevent sinking in the ground, and to which a greater tractive power could be applied. The attempt to provide more driving wheels resulted in the production of what has now come to be known as the W.D. rigid frame six-wheeled vehicle. Towards the reduction of weight per axle the six-wheel vehicle of a well-known type went a long way, but attention was directed towards the provision of a six-wheel vehicle which would have two undriven front wheels and four driving wheels placed close together under the load.

In order to achieve this the suspension of the driving axles must be such that the exertion of tractive force will not disturb the distribution of weight of the four driving wheels. Again, the suspension must also admit of free articulation of the driving axles without distortion of the springs or unequal distribution of the load over the four driving wheels. Then a high tractive force has to be secured, preferably by gearing down a moderate-size engine, and non-skid properties must also be in evidence in order that there may be sufficient adhesion to utilise the greater tractive force. As far as existing vehicles went these desiderata were seldom met anywhere, and almost never in a single machine. Hence

the new W.D. design in which there are three axles, if these the front one is quite normal, having Ackermann-type steering, with wheels which do not drive. Under the load two driving axles are placed close together. If the front wheels could be made to drive as well it would be a further advantage, but the extra cost would be fatal to its commercial adoption. Again, if the three axles were more nearly equally spaced it would be impossible to keep all six wheels in contact with the road surface when traversing rough country unless the frame were itself articulated. Only by placing two driving axles under the load could a simple form of transmission be obtained with correct load distribution when rough country was being crossed.

Special Features of the Type.

These, then, are the chief features of the new type of vehicles. One of the special features is that the axles are free to rise and fall relatively to each other. Further, the two driving axles can move out of the horizontal with complete freedom, which movement does not entail any twisting of the springs. Again, engine size is kept down by the use of a particularly wide range of gears. Had the Continental practice been adopted of heavily engineering the vehicle, the machine would make little appeal to the civilian user, on whose adoption of the W.D. specification the success of the scheme depended. The transmission is therefore effected through relatively short shafts with universal joints. Tyre equipment is another important feature. On commercial vehicles single tyres are commonly offered. For W.D. purposes, twin tyres on the four driving wheels are preferred. This secures larger ground-surface contact, and wheels of such size as can be handled by a man in case of removal or repairs.

Non-skidding properties are also greatly sought after. Amongst the later developments in tyres are those in which there are several air spaces, each of which is hermetically sealed. This obviates the bugbear with the ordinary pneumatic—rapid deflation when it is cut or punctured. New types of treads have also been produced in order to secure maximum adhesion on slippery ground. In addition, non-skid properties were first sought by the use of "bracelet" chains. Of these, the first types caused considerable wear on the tyre, but later designs were free from this defect. Finally, an "over-all non-skid chain" number of steel plate shoes and linked with chain stampings, passes round the two wheels on either side. While this design must be regarded as in the initial stage, a number have been put into service with excellent results.

These chains are not normally in tension to the extent of the tractive force, nor is any initial tension necessary. They are easily fitted, a pair being put on in two to four minutes, the chains being laid on the ground and the wheels run on, a simple link completing the fitting. There is no definite pitch to the links, except that on each side it is convenient to arrange the chain so that while one wheel is riding on a shoe the other wheel is missing the shoe. This makes for more even travelling over rough roads.

Development and Production.

The progress which has been made in the development of this type of machine may be gauged by the fact that in the early part of 1925 no example was in existence, and intensive research was necessary in order to bring it into being. By the end of 1926, however, the W.D. and other Government departments had received delivery of about 120 machines, with 150 still on order. A few firms now have this type standardised and available for sale at home or abroad. These vehicles are already in operation in Britain, while a number have gone out to Colonial agents.

The vehicles are being produced under a Government subsidy, with the proviso that in an emergency they will at once be available for use by the Government. The W.D. is anxious to see as many as possible of this type in use under commercial conditions. The greater the civilian use of this type, which has been proved to be of the highest service under war conditions, the greater our preparedness for mo-

RECORDS BROKEN.

2 MOTOR CYCLISTS AT BROOKLANDS.

London, April 20.

Brooklands.—In the motor-cycle races A. Denly, driving a 490 c.c. Norton, lowered the ten-mile Brooklands record, averaging 100.18 miles per hour.

He is the first rider ever to win a race with a machine of less than 500 c.c. at over 100 miles an hour.

Levack, driving a New Hudson, not exceeding 500 c.c. created a new five-mile record, averaging 105.3 miles per hour.

Briggs, driving a Velocette, crashed and fractured his skull, and collarbone.

HIMS I HATE.

If there's one thing more than any other puts me in a panic, it is leaving my small coupe in the care of a mechanic; For the spanner-wielder who's not greasy has not yet been seen; With joy he plasters finger-prints on bonnet, guards and screen; In oily clothes he squats on plush Parks oil cans on the running boards, and rubs grease on the wheel. The mess he makes in one short hour fills me with rage—for damme I know it means more hours of toil with brush and hose and chamois.

And let me sing a hymn of hate. At that smug battery man Who, finding one corroded plate, Tries out this knavish plan: "Your battery isn't worth repair," (His smile he tries to smother, Then dons a brusque and busy air.)

"Let's quote you for another." 'Tis the list of hates I add That juvenile apprentice Who's sometimes left-in charge by "dad"

To trouble and torment us. Invited to produce some tape and mend a broken wire, He'll blow the fuse-box out of shape And hurriedly retire; Then blink, and say: "Ain't that a cow?"

"I'm no 'lectrician, any'ow." But most of all I hate those frequent adenoidal boys Who stand with mouth agape, and stare, and find untimely joys

In scenes which turn strong men to tears—or fill their hearts with ire:—

A driver searching for a short; or wrestling with a tyre. They love to see a motorist become a sweating sight; And if he has to turn the crank—their eyes pop with delight. But by the time they've grown to men (this thought makes me dejected), There'll be no chance to gape at them.

Cars will have been perfected. Upon them my rich curses fall; I hate them all. I hate them all.

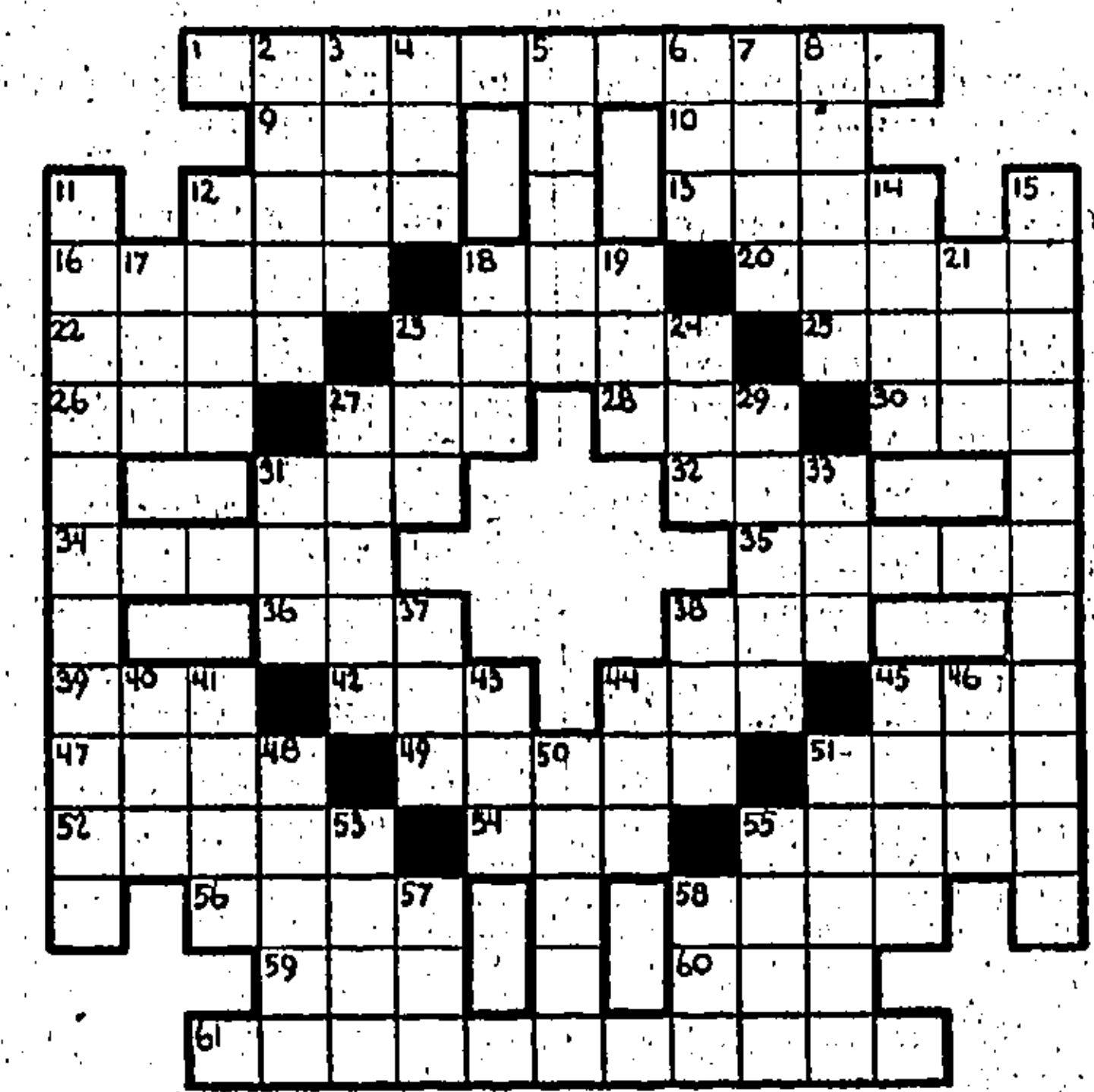
—G. REES-GUNN in "Sydney Sun."

bilitation. It is felt that a solid basis has been created for a new phase of development in the British motor industry. The performances of this type of vehicle at the trials in September last demonstrated that it is a fine cross-country machine, and also an economical one, a most unusual combination.

There are a number of points still under investigation on which further light will doubtless be forthcoming as the vehicles come more into use, and it is of interest to note that a six-wheel drive tractor lorry is in process of completion by the W.D. at Aldershot. This is similar to the machine described, but in addition, the front wheels will be driving wheels.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | (Cont.) |
| 1-Nearness in place of time | 44-Lacquer | 12-Not a sea |
| 9-One of British Isles (abbr.) | 47-Hindmost | 15-Not required |
| 10-Abused | 51-Sodium carbonate | 17-Arrive (abbr.) |
| 12-Advanced in years | 52-Angle of fort | 18-Part of verb "to be" |
| 13-The mantle of Minerva | 54-Three (Italian) | 19-To surpass |
| 16-Fertile spot in a waste | 55-Guide | 21-Over (post.) |
| 18-To sprinkle | 56-To a like degree | 23-A week-day (abbr.) |
| 20-A vegetable | 58-Square land-measure | 24-Nothing |
| 22-Raised | 59-Point of compass (abbr.) | 27-Diverse carriers |
| 23-Drawing-room | 60-Incalculable time-period | 29-Bracing |
| 25-Paradise | 61-Beguiled | 31-Observe |
| 26-Notable period | | 33-2,240 pounds |
| 27-Talk nonsense | VERTICAL | 37-Necessity |
| 28-Deep hole | 2-Still | 38-Equivalence |
| 30-Rather than | 3-Raw metals | 40-Insect |
| 31-Appoint | 4-Suffix. Footed | 41-Ordered |
| 32-Plot of land | 5-Post at end of stair | 43-To feed |
| 34-Father (Latin) | 6-Substantive ending of nouns | 44-Confederate general (U.S.) |
| 35-Din | 7-Paradise (friend of Othello) | 46-Suffix. Relating to |
| 36-Australian bird | 8-Cord | 48-Crow-like bird |
| 38-To transfix | 11-French revolution-ary leader | 50-Vast |
| 39-Opposed to flood | | 51-Rock |
| 42-Point of compass (abbr.) | | 53-Home of insects |
| | | 55-Shortly |
| | | 57-Born (French) |
| | | 58-Brazilian coin |

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will give you a clue to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

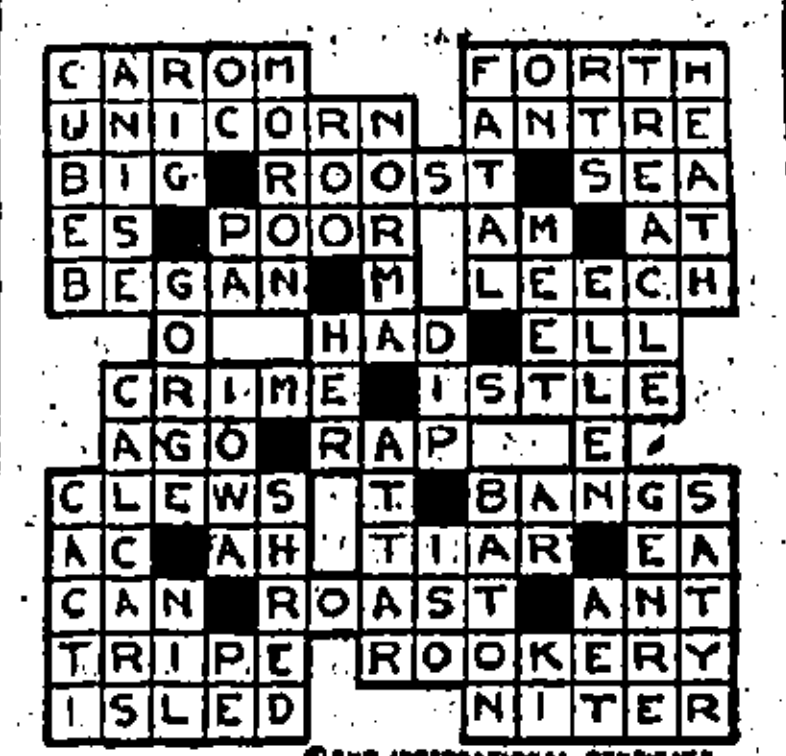
(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

ROAD TESTS.

Some American motor manufacturers have dispensed with the road test. Not so British manufacturers. "Morris" cars and trucks, for instance, are subjected to the most rigid road tests, and a subsequent inspection makes doubly sure of the thorough-efficiency and flawlessness of the finished product.

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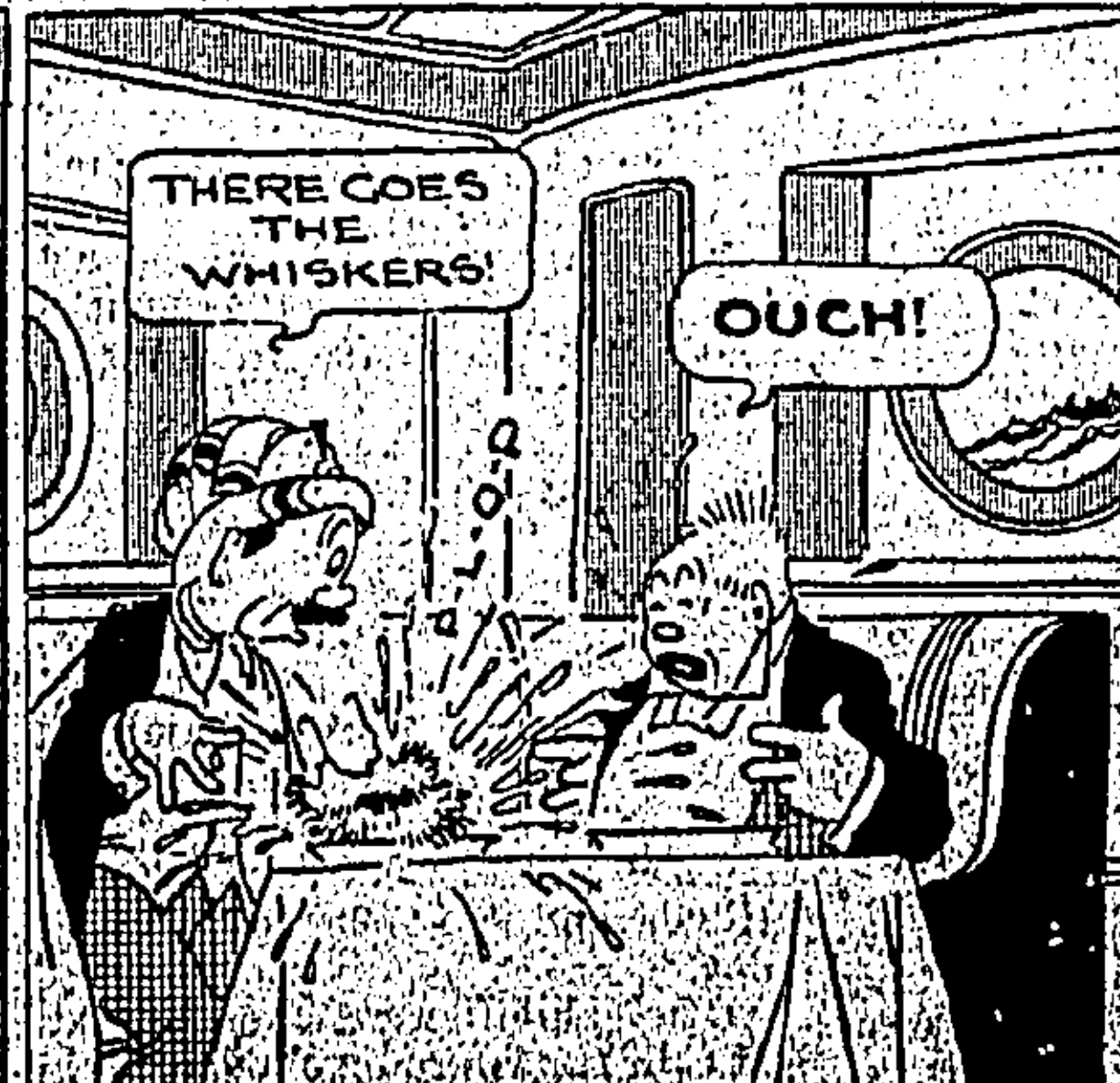
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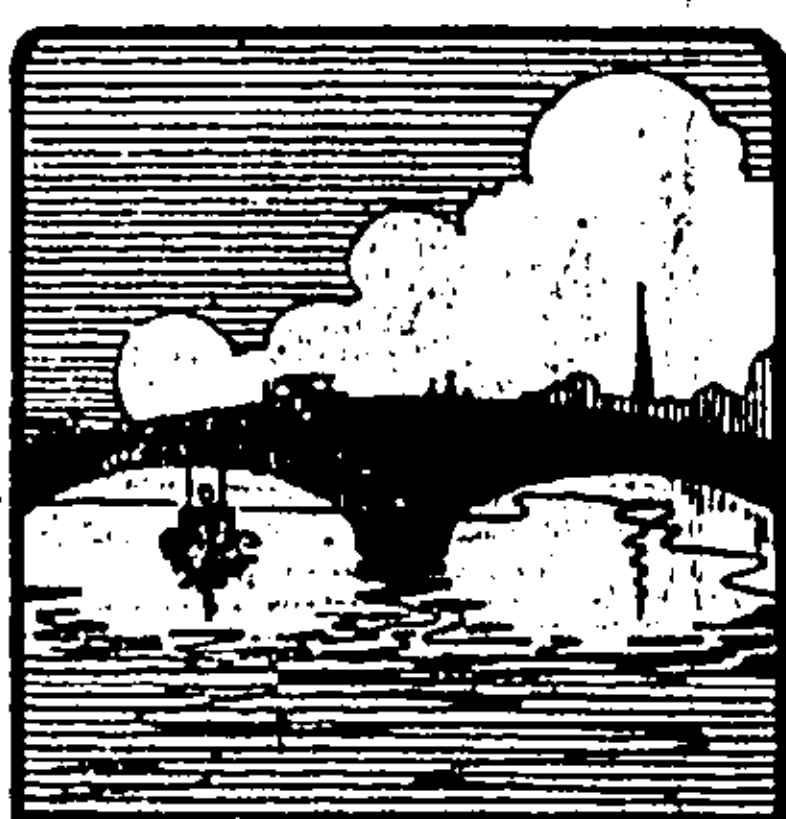
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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

An additional telephone exchange, called Tudor, is to be opened for the East Finchley area.

The Portuguese Government intends to impose an import duty on tobacco, both manufactured and in leaf.

It is reported that Messrs. Harland and Wolff, Belfast, have received orders for two more oil tankers.

The Jersey States rejected a bill doubling the existing tax on motor-vehicles, but a tax on petrol will be adopted.

A Queen Anne walnut wine-cooler, the border carved with foliage and scrolls, realised £110 5s. at Messrs. Christie's.

By a new air line, to be opened in May, it will be possible to travel from Petrograd to London, via Riga and Berlin, in two days.

Messrs. W. Dobson and Company, of Walker-on-Tyne, have secured an order from Messrs. Hall Brothers, Newcastle, for a cargo vessel of 8,400 tons.

Idle since the miners' strike of 1921 with the exception of four months, two of the five blast furnaces of Palmers Shipbuilding and Iron Company, Jarrow, were re-started in mail week.

A verdict of Suicide while of Unsound Mind was returned at an inquest at St. Pancras on Charles Burgess, 30, engineer, of Churchfields, Salisbury, who shot himself in a Bloomsbury hotel while seeking work in London.

"General" Bramwell Booth, of the Salvation Army, was received by the King.

Messrs. Waller, a British firm well known in Tangier, have purchased the French property known as the Villa de France Hotel.



Speaker Nicholas Longworth, of the American House of Representatives, says his gavel is all the protection he needs during the present epidemic of slanders among members of the Lower House. Longworth was unanimously selected by the G.O.P. caucus for Speaker in the next House. This is equivalent to election.

£163 was raised at the stall lent by the Ideal Home Exhibition at Olympia, Kensington, W., for collections in aid of the West London Hospital.

Miss Mary Borden, the novelist, explored the underground workings of Whitwick Colliery, Coalville.

Mr. P. C. P. Lupton, former British Consul at Sao Paulo, Brazil, died suddenly at Southminster, Essex, aged 71.

A wreath of primroses, tulips, and roses was placed at the Cenotaph in Whitehall by the French Army football team.

The Prince of Wales visited the Royal Arsenal Co-operative Society's exhibition at Commonwealth Building, Woolwich, S.E.

During the golden wedding celebrations of Mr. and Mrs. McAdam, of Maybole, Ayrshire, Mrs. McAdam collapsed and died.

A first edition of Fielding's "Joseph Andrews," two volumes, 1742, realised £140 at Messrs. Hodgson's Auction Rooms in Chancery-lane, W.C.

Mr. Baldwin stated in Parliament that in the present state of the country's finances proposals for a National Opera House could not be entertained.

William Poppleton, chief engineer of a Grimsby trawler, was examining the detonator of a mine, when it exploded and injured his face and arm.

Captain J. P. Olley, an Imperial Airways pilot, who began to fly in 1915, carried his 10,000th passenger in mail week in a flight from London to Paris.

A middle-aged woman who abandoned an eight months' old baby girl in Baker-street Station, is being sought by Crawford-place, Edgware Road, W., detectives.

Of 1,500 settlers who left Liverpool for Canada 200 were Welsh, and Welsh-speaking stewards were engaged for the voyage to render assistance to the party.

While on the way to the town hall at Midsomer Norton, Somerset, where he was clerk to the urban council, Mr. L. M. Bottomley was fatally injured by motor-cycle.

The third day's sale of the final portion of the Britwell Court library realised £4627 at Messrs. Sotheby's, a collection of 1,000 Civil War Tracts (1641-49) fetching £510.

Miss Mary Hallows, 69, of North Wingfield, near Claycross, Derbyshire, died suddenly in a motor-car which was taking her home after her discharge from hospital.

Shortly after making a cheerful speech at the annual meeting of Ancoats Hospital, Manchester, Mr. Hamlet Rothwell, aged 80, of Ashley-lane, Moston, Manchester, collapsed and died.

Accidental Death was the verdict at a Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire, inquest on Frank Thomas Deville, 34, who fell through the glass window of a door, his jugular vein being severed.

While walking with his wife, Edward Hornby, 45, of Prescail, Fleetwood, jumped into a pond and was drowned, and at the inquest a verdict of Suicide while of Unsound Mind was returned.

Ecclesiastical and civil registrars of marriages estimate that fewer applications for marriage licences have been made during the present Lent than in the corresponding periods of the past three years.

Three months ago Mrs. Kenward, of Hendley Down, near Petersfield, Hampshire, presented friends living near Guildford with a cat, which has now returned to its former home, a distance of about 20 miles.

Walking over a level crossing on the railway, Albert Bence, 65, of Bath, who was deaf, was killed by an express, the impact breaking the vacuum pipe of the engine, which came automatically to a standstill.

For the Scottish National War Memorial being erected at Edinburgh Castle the King and Queen are to present a wrought steel cauldron, to contain the rolls of honour of all Scots who gave their lives in the war.

An Italian countess whose name was given as di Gamosta, who was arrested at Mulhouse, Alsace-Lorraine, on an embezzlement charge, was seen to swallow a white powder at the police station and died shortly afterwards.

M. Berge, a former Prime Minister of Norway, and six members of his Cabinet have been acquitted on the charge brought against them of having given secret financial assistance to the Norwegian Bank of Commerce in 1923.

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George Coleman Turnley, whom you see here in his mother's arms, figured that if he were going to enter this world, the best way to do it would be under the highest possible auspices, so he chose the moment when the Canadian Pacific train was on its way to Vancouver, while the location he decided on was between Moose Jaw and Mottlach, Saskatchewan, the time being 1.50 in the morning of Sunday, February 13.

George is also a pretty good little picker and his choice was justified by the fact that the train was carrying Dr. McKeown of Medicine Hat, and Mrs. P. Enderby, who is a trained nurse. D. C. Coleman, vice-president of western lines, C.P.R., with Mrs. Coleman, was also on the train, again testifying to George's good judgment and Mrs. Coleman helped in looking after the mother.

So pleased was Mrs. Turnley with the attention and the aid she received on all hands that she decided to call George after the vice-president, so his name is now George Coleman Turnley. Just to round things off, the baptismal ceremony was performed by Rev. M. E. West, of Sorrento, B.C., while the train was passing through the Fraser Canyon, B.C., next day. George's godmother was Mrs. Coleman.

And if, after all that, George doesn't grow up into a railwayman, and end up as president of some big road, there can't be anything in signs and portents.

By removing the plate from the back of a cell lock at the police station, a boy of 14, who was charged at Newport, Monmouthshire, with his seventh offence, escaped but was recaptured.

Durham County Education Authority declined proposals from Blaydon that May 2 should be a general holiday for schools, and that no demonstrations should take place in schools on Empire Day.

The wedding took place at Swansea of Professor Emrys Evans, Principal-Elect of the University College of North Wales, Bangor, and Miss Gwenllian Nesta Jones, Lecturer in History at University College, Swansea.

Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Company, bankers, of 114, Old Broad Street, E.C.4, announce that Mr. Gerald Samuel Montagu, who has been unable for reasons of health to take an active part in the business of the firm for many years, has decided to retire.

Suicide while of Unsound Mind was the verdict at the inquest on James Patterson, 55, a chauffeur, of Clarence-mews, Regent's Park, N.W., who should have appeared at the Old Bailey on a charge of bigamy but whose body was found at the foot of the cliffs at Seaford.

The death has taken place of the Very Rev. Edward Clarence Paget, Dean of Calgary, a grandson of Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Paget, at the age of 75.

Messrs. Walsh and Johansen, the leaders of the Australian seamen's strike in 1925, who were ordered to be deported but were subsequently released by the High Court, have been awarded £25 and £20 respectively as compensation against the Commonwealth Government.

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Geneva, May 6.
At the Economic Conference Mr. Walter Layton (Great Britain) said that the European problem would not be solved until the nations themselves acted. The object they had in view would not be attained simply by the establishment of an organisation for co-operation such as that proposed by Mr. Jouhaux on Thursday.

Mr. Layton and several of his colleagues expressed the opinion that a less complicated and more elastic plan would prove more useful.

They pointed out that there were 11,000 kilometres of new Customs barriers in Europe and a population of at least 10,000,000 souls were without productive work; whilst \$2,250,000,000 was annually spent on armaments. (These were symptoms of a dis-united Europe).

Rubber Restrictions.

Addressing the Economic Conference Mr. Henry Robinson President of the National Bank of Los Angeles, said that he did not see how the British rubber restrictions could assure a continuity of supply on that high level would prove of ultimate benefit to the world.

He wondered also whether the fact that over 75 per cent. of rubber was consumed by a non-producing country, whilst to the country with controlling restrictions consumed only seven per cent. might not be regarded as discrimination.

Sir M. Muspratt's View.
Mr. Robinson was referring to Sir Max Muspratt's statement yesterday that with the rarest exceptions there is no discrimination against the rest of the world in the export of raw materials. The much criticised rubber restrictions had not discriminated in favour of Great Britain, but were introduced to ensure continuity of the supply of a product essential to modern civilisation.—Reuter.

Earlier Cables.
Geneva, May 6.
At the economic conference M. Theunis read a telegram from the Pan-American Commercial conference at Washington expressing warmest wishes and hoping labour's economic conference would contribute toward the reconstruction of Europe and the amelioration of living conditions of all nations (Applause). M. Theunis is sending a telegram of thanks in the name of the conference.—Reuter.

Protecting Russians.
Geneva, May 6.
In consequence of the modification of the police measures for the protection of the Russian delegates, the incident is now considered closed. Russian scruples surprised the Swiss authorities, who point out that they were merely fulfilling a duty in protecting the Soviet delegates and that the measures were in no way so stringent as at The Hague Conference following the Geneva Economic meeting when the passage leading to the Russians' rooms in the hotel was walled up.—Reuter.

IS IT MURDER?

BODY FOUND ON MAINLAND ROAD.

Murder is suspected by the Police in the case of the body of a Chinese man found at 6 a.m. to-day on the Tsun Wan Road, New Territories.

The supposed victim is about 30 years of age, but there is nothing, so far, to establish his identity. Inquiries are proceeding.

From the first examination it appears that the man was struck on the head with a heavy, blunt instrument.

The spot where the body was found is in Kau-fu-kung-su.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Dr. John Russell Craig and Dr. Isaac Newton to be official Justices of the Peace for the Colony of Hong Kong.

EMPIRE TIES.

CHANGE IN CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATIONS.

OPERATIVE FROM JULY 1.

London, May 6.
Reuter learns that as a result of correspondence between London and the Dominions-July 1 has been fixed as the date for the proposed change in the channel of communications between the British Government and the Governors of the Dominions.

It is pointed out that a Governor-General of the Dominions is His Majesty's personal representative as opposed to the situation at an earlier stage when the Governors were appointed by the London Government and acted also as the latter's representatives.

It is now recognised that this practice might be regarded as no longer wholly in accordance with the constitutional position of the Governor-General, and after July 1 communications between Government and Government will be direct in the case of any of the Dominions desiring it. Hence the Governor-General will no longer represent His Majesty's Government in Great Britain.

The question of carrying out the resolution of the Imperial Conference regarding the development of a closer personal touch between Great Britain and the Dominions, and among the Dominions themselves, is at present under consideration.—Reuter.

DUTCH CRUISER.

GOING FROM SHANGHAI TO EAST INDIES.

The Hague, May 6.
The Dutch cruiser "Sumatra" has been ordered to proceed from Shanghai to the Dutch East Indies via Nagasaki.—Reuter.

COTTON FINANCE.

PROPOSAL TO CANCEL CREDITS.

SPINNERS OPPOSED.

London, May 6.
The Liverpool Cotton Association met the General Committee of the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners' Associations in Manchester and discussed a proposal from Liverpool to sell cotton only on cash terms.

No statement was issued at the close, but the spinners, it is known, opposed the withdrawal of the customary ten-days' credit owing to the financial position.

Credit to some firms has already been stopped.—Reuter.

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New York, May 6.
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